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DEWORMING SCHEDULE FOR HORSES LESS THAN 1 YEAR OF AGE

Recent research has shown that 80% of the parasite egg population comes from 20% of the equine population on a given farm. Parasite resistance to dewormers is increasing and no new classes of dewormers are currently being developed. Based on these issues, we have two goals for decreasing your foal's parasite burden.

1. Use a dewormer that is effective for your foal.
2. Decrease your foal's exposure to parasites by removing manure from paddocks twice weekly and turn out recently weaned foals on the "cleanest" pastures with the lowest parasite burdens.

At Foaling

1. Deworm the dam with ivermectin on the day of foaling.

3 Months of Age

1. Have fecal egg count performed to determine your foal's parasite burden.
2. Deworm your foal with Panacur.
3. Have a fecal egg count performed two weeks later to check for parasite resistance to the dewormer. The schedule below may be modified based on this set of fecals.

6 Months of Age

1. Have a fecal egg count performed to determine the type of parasite burden.
2. Based on the results of the fecal, you will be instructed to deworm with either Panacur or Zimectrin.
3. If deworming with Zimectrin, a fecal egg count is recommended two weeks later to check for parasite resistance to the dewormer. The schedule may be modified based on this set of fecals.

9 Months of Age

1. Deworm with Quest Plus (moxidectin + praziquantel)

12 Months of Age

1. Have a fecal egg count performed to determine your foal's parasite burden.
2. Deworm with Strongid.
4. Have a fecal egg count performed two weeks later to check for parasite resistance to the dewormer. The schedule may be modified based on this set of fecals.

- After 12 months of age, the yearling can fold into our recommended deworming schedule for high shedding adult horses until three years of age. Please ask for this schedule if you do not already have it. At three years of age, a fecal egg count is recommended to determine if your horse should continue on the high shedder schedule or can be dewormed less frequently.
- **Note for Quest and Quest Plus:** Accurate weight determination is important, especially for Quest Plus and Quest. Weight tapes can be used to estimate weight. Please call if you are unsure of your young horse's weight. Do not use Quest or Quest Plus in severely underweight horses.
- Rinse your foal's mouth with water or wait until there is nothing in their mouth before deworming to ensure accurate dosing.