



Fall Equine Parasite Control

Question:

When I deworm this fall are there any specific needs for fall parasite control I should keep in mind?



*Egg-laying *G. intestinalis**



Bots in Stomach

Answer:

Yes. Fall is the time of year when we deworm horses for the “usual” internal parasites like small strongyles (cyathostomes) and round worms (ascarids). But, fall is when we should also target two other significant parasites of horses: tapeworms and bots.

It is best to deworm your horse about one month after the first killing frost or late fall. At this time, the bot flies are no longer active and we can target the bot fly larvae. Dewormers with moxidectin are not are not labeled for all developing stages of bot fly larvae, however, EQUIMAX® (ivermectin/praziquantel) and EQUELL®/BIMECTIN® (ivermectin) are effective against all stages of bot larvae.



The other significant parasite targeted in the fall is the equine tapeworm (*A. perfoliata*). This parasite is linked to many types of equine colic and is present over the entire US. Experts recommend twice-a-year treatment (spring and fall) for maximum tapeworm control. EQUIMAX® was the first equine dewormer to be patented and licensed for use in controlling equine tapeworms. EQUIMAX® has been shown to be 100% effective against equine tapeworms.

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