



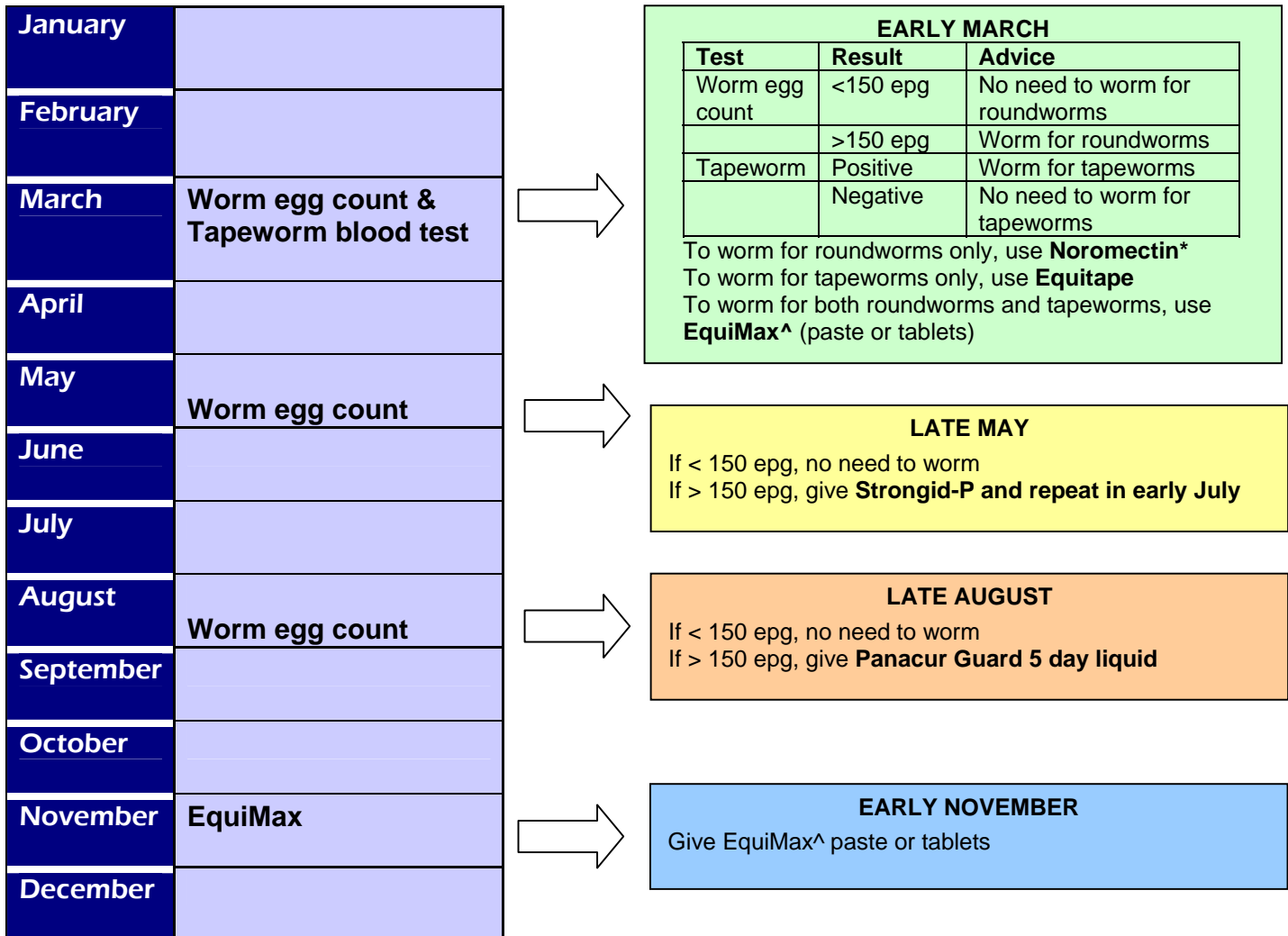
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## Recommended Worming Programme 2010

We strategic worming so that your horse is only treated with worming medication if he really needs it. With this plan, some horses may only require worming once per year. If you prefer not to have a worm egg count or tapeworm blood test carried out, you should treat your horse as if he has a positive test and give him the wormer recommended on this plan.

Some horses kept in very low risk situations (such as horses kept on their own or with one other which have had negative worm egg counts previously) may not require worm egg counts as often. Please call us for specific advice.

This programme is intended as a guide only and will not suit every horse in every situation so please contact us on 01254 888600 or [info@equine-vet.co.uk](mailto:info@equine-vet.co.uk) if you have any queries or require more specific advice.



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epg = worm eggs per gram of faeces                      ^ or Equisan Duo                      \* or any other ivermectin wormer

## Further Information on Worming

### Correct Dosing

The correct dose of wormer should be given for the weight of your horse. The weight can be estimated using a weighband around the girth. As a rough guide, a 12.2hh Welsh pony will weigh 250 – 275kgs and a 15.2hh middleweight hunter around 500-600kgs. Syringes contain enough to treat a 575kg to 700kg horse depending on the brand and one sachet will normally treat a 300kg pony. Tablets are dosed as one tablet per 100-110kg bodyweight. Most wormers are safe, so in general it is better to slightly overdose than to underdose but be careful not to overdose foals and small ponies, especially with Equest or Equest Pramox.



### Worm Egg Counts

These are used to find out if your horse is infected with worms or not. Collect a small sample (Approximately 2g) of fresh faeces in a clean sealable pot, label it with your horse's name, age, the date you last wormed and the product used and bring it to our surgery. Worm egg counts are charged at £12.50 inc VAT. Results are given in eggs per gram of faeces (epg).

### Tapeworm Blood Tests

We recommend a blood sample at least once per year to test the level of antibodies to tapeworms. Tapeworms are not detected by a normal faecal egg count and have been proven to be associated with colic. We have recommended on the programme to do this in March but it could be done at the time of your horse's annual booster / health check if you prefer.



### Foals and Pregnant Mares

Equest Pramox must not be given to foals less than 7 months old or to pregnant / lactating mares. Equest should not be given to foals less than 5 months old. Foals are more prone to worm infestation than adult horses. We usually recommend giving them Strongid-P every 6 weeks from three months of age, but this may not be suitable for every foal so please call us for specific advice, particularly if you see worms in your foal's droppings.

### New Horses

We recommend any new horses with an uncertain worming history are wormed with Panacur Guard 5-day wormer and then again the sixth day with Equitape before being introduced to the pasture. This should clear them of all types of worms and is gentler on the intestines than using a combined wormer. Having a worm egg count and tapeworm blood test carried out will also let you know the horse's current worm status.

