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### Lingfield Equine Vets Worming Programme

Ensuring that horses and ponies receive appropriate anti-anthelmintics (wormers) is crucial, both to prevent disease but also to avoid resistance to the medication. Parasite burdens can lead to severe disease particularly colic and colitis. However, regular anti-anthelmintic treatment without testing is risky as similar to bacteria and antibiotics, worms can be resistant to wormers if they are overexposed to them. This will make reducing worm burdens in the future very difficult. There are several key points to remember when devising a worming programme for your yard:

- Worm appropriately for weight (under dosing increases the risk of treatment failure and resistance to wormers)
- Worm egg counts do not test for tapeworm burdens (saliva or blood tests are required for this)
- Remember to use good sampling technique to ensure accurate results
- Only worm when necessary to reduce the risk of resistance
- Rotate the active ingredients in the wormers used
- Good pasture management will reduce the need for worming, saving money and minimising wormer resistance

The LEV team recognise that this subject can be a minefield for owners and as such we offer a worming programme allowing us to take responsibility for your horse's parasite control strategy. The programme includes the follow:

- Twice yearly weighs to ensure accurate dosing
- Regular faecal worm egg counts (testing for redworm) with all sample pots provided and reminders issued so that you don't forget!
- Annual tapeworm testing
- Annual faecal egg reduction testing (assesses wormer resistance)
- All necessary anti-anthelmintic treatments
- Plenty of advice regarding pasture management strategies specific to your situation

All this for just £120 a year (£10 a month!) payable in November. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any further questions.

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