

# How to provide a faecal sample for a worm egg count

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1. If possible, collect the dung sample whilst it is still warm using a glove and place into a container or clean freezer bag which can be properly sealed. Collecting the sample from fresh dung is important to ensure that the result is as accurate as possible.
2. Eggs are not evenly distributed in droppings so the sample should be taken from several faecal 'balls' within one pile of droppings. The total sample size needs to be 4g - about the size of a golf ball, maybe slightly larger if the horse has been eating hay as this weighs less than grass!
3. Collect dung separately from each animal to be tested. Do not combine dung from different animals.
4. Ensure that the container or bag is clearly labelled with your horse's name, your surname and the date the sample was taken (you might want to do this before you put the sample in the container!).
5. Ensure that the container/bag is properly sealed. It's a good idea to put it in another freezer bag and secure tightly. This is to avoid any leakage!
6. Complete the Submission Form along with payment details. Horses registered on the Horse Health Programme do not need to complete payment details if the worm egg count is one of the 4 provided each year under the programme.
7. Hand the sample to the vet, drop it in to a B&W clinic or post it in a tough, heavy duty, sealed envelope to to: B&W Equine Vets, Equine Hospital, Clinical Laboratory, Breadstone, Berkeley, Glos GL13 9HG.
8. If you need to store the sample before posting or passing to a vet/clinic, please keep it out of direct sunlight and in a cool place. Ideally, keep it in the fridge. Aim to send or deliver the sample on the same day you collect it.
9. Your worm egg count result will usually be ready within 24 - 48 hours on reaching the laboratory. However, it may take longer during busy periods. You will be contacted with the result and advice on what you should do.



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