



# Parasite Diagnostic Services

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## Lab Use Only

Accession No.:

Date Received:

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- Express  
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## Parasite Test Submission - Equine

Name of Account or Business/Individual Paying:

Optional - Name of client or farm being tested (only if different to above):

### Address and Contact Details

Street:

Town:

Phone:

State:

Postcode:

Email (print clearly):

How do you wish to receive results?  Email (preferred)  Other (only if no email)

List any other email addresses that should be sent results:

### Sample Details - If you have more than 5 samples, use a copy of this page and alter the column numbers

Species of animal(s):  Horse  Donkey  Other:

Date of collection: day / month / year

Sample #	1	2	3	4	5
ID of Animal / Group:					
Age/Class:					
Any Scouring or Colic?					
% Dying:					
Date Last Drenched:					
Drench used:					
Is the animal in foal?					
Other information					

### Testing Required – See overpage for a brief explanation

WORM EGG COUNT:  INDIVIDUAL SAMPLE count  BULK count for a group  NONE

If no options are checked, we will perform bulk tests.

LARVAL CULTURE:  NO  YES, if count is above \_\_\_\_\_\* eggs per gram of faeces (\*if blank, we'll use 400 epg)

Larval culture results take approximately 15-18 days from the date of processing.

FLUKE CHECK:  NO  REGULAR  EXPORT Which samples? \_\_\_\_\_

Fluke results are positive or negative. Contact us prior to sending if you require enumerated counts.

### Sample Collection and Mailing Instructions - See overpage

### Payment: Please fill out the form overpage

Credit Card  Direct Deposit  Cash  Cheque  Invoice me\*

### Test Kit Orders

Please send me more sample test submission kits. No. required: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address (if different to above):



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## Payment Form

Prices are available on our website: <https://www.parasite.com.au>.

It is cheaper to send payment at the time of your submission.

Amount Paid or Authorised: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date: day / month / year

### Payment Method:

Cash

Cheque *Make payable to Parasite Diagnostic Services.*

Direct Deposit/ EFT **Pay to: National Australia Bank**  
Branch: **083 253** Account number: **85376 7430**  
Receipt #: \_\_\_\_\_ (or include a copy of the receipt)

Credit Card  VISA  MASTERCARD  
Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Expiry date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ CCV: \_\_\_\_\_

Send me an invoice \*Invoices incur higher rates if you do not have an account.

## Collection & Mailing of Samples

**Faeces:** Place at least one tablespoonful (4 grams) of **fresh** faeces per animal in individual small bag or tubes. Include an extra 20 g faeces total per group if you may need a larval culture test. If using tubes with caps do not fill to the top, or they will leak.

**For bulk tests:** In separate bags, collect golf ball-sized samples from ~10 individuals. We'll combine them before testing.

**Larval cultures:** Larval culture results take approximately 15-18 days. If you do not also request a worm egg count, you should provide us with your own egg count results.

**Mailing:** Seal all bags carefully, preferably pack into a second sealed bag, and place in mailing satchel. Include the completed submission form(s) but take care to ensure they cannot be damaged by leaking faeces or moisture. Postage costs will be minimised if all samples are sent in one parcel, but you can also tape satchels securely together, leaving one address visible, to ensure all samples arrive together. **Consider including an ice brick** if the weather is hot, especially with regular mail.

**Express Post samples are priority processed.** If you elect to use this service, simply place your samples inside an Express Post satchel. Retain the tracking number sticker so you can trace your samples in transit.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Should I request a bulk test, or individual counts?

Most equine samples are analysed as **individual counts**, which indicate the parasite load in each animal. **Bulk tests** can be considered for groups of animals kept together, as they are cheaper and give you a good idea of the overall parasite load in the group.

### When is a larval culture test useful?

Worm egg counts tell you the level of Strongyle worm eggs present in your animals, but not their types. A larval culture test tells you the percentage of large and small Strongyle worms present. A larval culture can be useful if (i) it helps you decide which drench to use on your animals, (ii) if you've already treated them but the drench has not performed as expected, or (iii) if you're conducting drench resistance testing. If the animals are kept in the same paddock, you could consider a single combined/bulk larval culture test, as they are likely to be infected with the same kinds of worms.

### When should I re-test?

If your counts are high, you should re-test your animals 4+ weeks after treatment to confirm the drench has worked.

If your worm egg counts are low, you should consider re-testing in approximately 8 weeks, or sooner after seasonal changes (especially increased rainfall) or times of increased animal stress. If you're concerned that worms may be increasing, then re-test sooner, after approximately 4 weeks.