



Parasite Diagnostic Services

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Accession No.: _____

Date Received: _____

Initials: _____

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Parasite Test Submission - Equine

Name of Parasite Account Holder/Individual Paying:

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

Address and Contact Details

Street: _____ State: _____ Postcode: _____

Town: _____

Phone: _____ 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 (essential for export fluke testing)

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 date of animal transport: _____

Which samples (if not all)? _____

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

Sample Collection and Mailing Instructions are on the back of this form

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

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

Name on Card: _____

 Mastercard

Number: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Expiry date: ____ / ____ CCV: _____

Send me an invoice

*Invoices incur higher rates if you aren't an existing client.

Collection & Mailing of Samples

Ziplock bags are recommended for faeces samples.

For individual animals: > 1 tablespoonful (4 grams) of **fresh** faeces per animal in individual small bags or tubes. If using hard tubes with caps do not more than 2/3 fill, or they will pressurize with gas and leak!

For bulk tests: In separate bags, collect ~1 tablespoonful from ~10 individuals. We'll combine them before testing.

Larval cultures: Include an extra 20 grams of faeces (~ size of two golf balls). Larval culture results take ~ 15-18 days. If you do not request a worm egg count at the same time then please provide us with your own count results, as a guide.

Regular fluke tests: Include an extra 10 grams of faeces (~ size of one golf ball) per sample.

Export fluke tests: You must collect **TWO** golf ball-sized (> 10 gram) samples per horse. These should be taken from separate pieces of faeces, or different sides of one large clump. Bag and clearly label these individually but send in the same mail. It is important you record the collection date and the name of the person exporting the animal(s). Refer to the 'Liver Fluke – WA' information page on our website for more information.

Mailing: Seal bags carefully, place in a second sealed bag, and then in mailing satchel. Include completed submission form(s) but take care to ensure they can't be damaged by leaking faeces or moisture. Try to include all samples in one parcel so they don't get separated in the post (they can!). **Consider including an ice brick** during warm weather, especially with regular mail.

Express Post satchels are recommended. Retain the tracking number sticker so you can trace your samples in transit. Our pre-addressed mailing satchels will incur a postage fee and are often slower, so Express Post can end up a better option.

Frequently Asked Questions

Should I request a bulk test, or individual counts?

Most equine samples are tested as **individual counts**, which indicate the parasite load in each animal. **Bulk tests** can be considered for groups of animals kept together (and may be cheaper) but this is requested infrequently.

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 ~ 8 weeks, or sooner after seasonal changes (esp. increased rainfall) or times of increased animal stress. If you're concerned worms are increasing, then re-test sooner, after ~ 4 weeks.