1: KNOW THE ENEMY

Smart horse owners know the least effective enemy can be the most challenging. It’s important to identify and understand the enemies that threaten your horse’s health. Check out the list to the left.

- **ROUNDWORMS**
  - Threat Level: High to Moderate
  - Affects: Immune system issues, poor growth, weight loss
  - Lifecycle: 5-6 Step Rotation

- **ENCYSTED SMALL STRONGYLES**
  - Threat Level: Moderate
  - Affects: Digestive problems, colic
  - Lifecycle: 4-6 Step Rotation

- **LARGE STRONGYLES**
  - Threat Level: Moderate
  - Affects: Signs of respiratory disease, weakness, weight loss
  - Lifecycle: 4-6 Step Rotation

- **PINWORMS**
  - Threat Level: Moderate
  - Affects: Loss, pot belly, poor condition, digestive problems
  - Lifecycle: 4-6 Step Rotation

- **TAPEWORMS**
  - Threat Level: Moderate
  - Affects: Weight loss, digestive problems due to obstructed blood vessel walls or other organs
  - Lifecycle: 4-6 Step Rotation

- **DOTS**
  - Threat Level: Low
  - Affects: Digestive problems, dull coat, and colic
  - Lifecycle: 4-6 Step Rotation

2: KNOW YOUR HORSE

Each individual horse faces a unique environmental challenge that may influence the need for deworming. Consider the age and health status of your horse when developing a deworming program.

- **NEW HORSES**
  - Deworm program based on owner, seasonal testing

- **SENIORS (over age 15)**
  - Deworming recommended

- **FEMALES**
  - Broodmares: Consult your veterinarian

3: KNOW THE PLAN

Once parasite enemies are known and understood, the right deworming program can be planned for each individual horse. Based first on age and then on other conditions that may indicate regional climate, environment, climate region, and management practices.

**Suggested Rotation Plan:**

- **FOALS**
  - 2-3 months: Safe-Guard Paste
  - 4-6 months: Pyrantel Pamoate

- **SPRING**
  - 4-6 months: Safe-Guard Paste

- **EARLY SUMMER**
  - 4-6 months: Pyrantel Pamoate

- **LATE SUMMER**
  - 4-6 months: Equi-Bits

- **LATE FALL**
  - 4-6 months: Safe-Guard Paste

Consult your veterinarian for assistance in the diagnosis, treatment, and control of parasites. This information is intended for professional use only. For more information, contact Merck Animal Health.

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