



Hurston Dressage and Eventing

Worm Management Policy (June 2023)

At Hurston Dressage and Eventing (HDE), we do our utmost to ensure that all land is managed appropriately and efficiently, and horse welfare is a top priority. This includes the management of worms and other parasites. We ask that all our liveries adhere to the following policy:

- All horses must either be wormed with an appropriate wormer (as directed by veterinary advice) every quarter OR have a worm count conducted at least twice a year
- Worm counts are preferable to worming blind
- If a worm count is returned as positive, treatment is given in accordance with the advice of the laboratory that conducted the worm count
- Paddocks are cleaned at least once a week, if not more often
- Harrowing and rolling take place at least twice a year on all paddocks
- Paddocks are given an appropriate time to rest after being harrowed and rolled before horses are put back out on them
- It is recommended that all horses undergo a saliva test for tapeworm a minimum of once per year
- All owners of new horses coming to HDE must provide evidence of a clear worm count within the last three months, OR provide the date and make of their last wormer (also within the previous three months)
- Should livery clients want to conduct their own worm counts and/or follow their own worming routine, provided that evidence is shown to management at least twice per year, this is acceptable

As standard, the routine we adhere to is as follows:

March: Worm count – treat as necessary

June: Worm count – treat as necessary

September: Worm count and tapeworm saliva test – treat as necessary

December: Worm count – treat as necessary

(This policy is subject to change as per the latest equine medical advice)

