EquiStatus™ Tapeworm

FAECAL SAMPLE COLLECTION

For tapeworm FEC investigation after antibody screening

Before you start, ensure you have sample submission forms from your vets or SQP.

COLLECTING THE SAMPLE

Correct sample collection is important as tapeworm eggs are unevenly distributed throughout the faeces

1 Label the pot

Before collecting the sample, write the horse's name and date of collection on the pot.

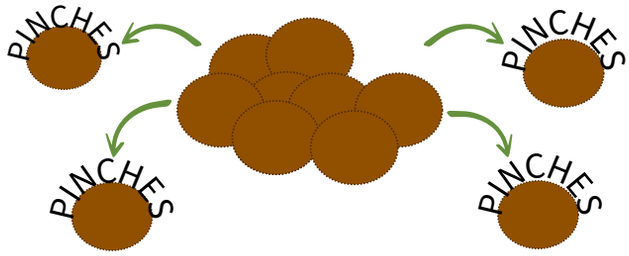


2 Collect a fresh dropping

Collect fresh dung as soon as possible. Ensure it belongs to the correct horse and avoid old or dried-out dung.

3 Sample several dung balls

Wearing a clean disposable glove, collect equal pinches from as many dung balls as possible within the same dropping. Avoid mud, bedding and other debris.



4 Fill the pot completely

Add dung until the pot is full. Gently press down to remove large air gaps, leaving just enough room to close the lid securely. Do not submit a partly filled pot or add water or any other substance.

5 Seal and bag the sample

Check the lid is tight, keep the outside of the pot clean and place it in a sealed zip-lock bag (supplied with the EquiStatus™ kit or use your own if a kit has not been purchased).

6 Complete the form and send promptly

Complete the submission form with the horse's name, owner and collection date. Clearly mark Day 0 or Day 14, and record the treatment date and product used. Check the details on the pot matches the form. Promptly return samples for all horses in the group together, including submission forms, to your vet/SQP or post directly to the laboratory ideally on the day of collection - see below for details.

IMPORTANT

Use a separate pot and a fresh glove for each horse. Never combine samples from different horses.

Do not freeze the sample or leave it in direct sunlight or a warm vehicle. If you need to store the sample, keep it in a cool place until posting.

Do not collect or submit liquid or diarrhoeic faeces. Contact your vet for advice if the horse is passing loose or watery dung.

Sending samples: return to your vet or SQP

Return samples to your vet or SQP promptly, ideally on the same day of collection.

Include completed submission forms.

Sending samples: posting samples yourself

Package **all samples from the group** together in a strong outer box in accordance with 'exempt animal sample' regulations and include submission forms.

Use next day delivery services and ensure correct postage is paid to avoid delays and additional charges. Avoid posting just before a weekend or bank holiday.

Do not use EquiSal® freepost bags or our freepost labels as they are not suitable.

Email **info@austindavis.co.uk** with the number of samples being sent per group.