



How to Collect Manure for a Fecal Egg Count (FEC)

Performing regular fecal egg count testing is an important step in equine parasite management. Collecting a manure sample is easy, but it must be done properly to ensure accurate test results. Be sure to request feces are examined for a strongyle egg count in horses aged 2 years and up. Here's how:

- 1) Turn a new zip-lock bag inside out over your hand
- 2) With your hand inside the bag, pick up a fresh fecal mass
- 3) Use your other hand to pull the zip-lock bag over your hand, turning the bag right side out. The feces are now in the bag.
- 4) Zip up the bag. Place the bag into another zip-lock bag.
- 5) Write the date and horse's name on the bag.
- 6) Store in a cool place, such as a fridge.
- 7) Deliver your fecal sample to the vet within **48 hours!**

WARNING! Do not place the sample in the freezer or leave it in your car. Extreme cold or heat can kill parasites, defeating the purpose of collecting a sample.

