

John Byrd, D.V.M.



Dr. John Byrd, owner of Horsemen's Laboratory, has a lifetime of experience with horses. As a child until just prior to entering college, he showed horses in pleasure and reining class. During college, Dr. Byrd developed an interest in Running

Quarter Horses that included breeding, owning, and racing in eight states.

He graduated from the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine and was selected for the first large-animal medical residency at the University of Florida in 1977. During his junior year, he received the Illinois Standardbred Breeders award for the student most interested in equine medicine. As an equine medicine practitioner in California for 13 years, he served as ex-officio member of the board of directors of the Pacific Coast Quarter Horse Racing Association. He was also the organization's official sales veterinarian and frequently officiated as veterinarian for horse shows sponsored by the management of Orange County Fairgrounds in Costa Mesa, California. His extensive experience with horses led him to observe how a horse's health could impact performance and out of that observation *Horsemen's Laboratory* was born.

Becky Byrd, the person you are most likely to speak with when you call Horsemen's Laboratory. She met John Byrd over 40 years ago on a trail ride and they were married 4 years later. She has been his partner and assistant since 1970 when he became a veterinarian.



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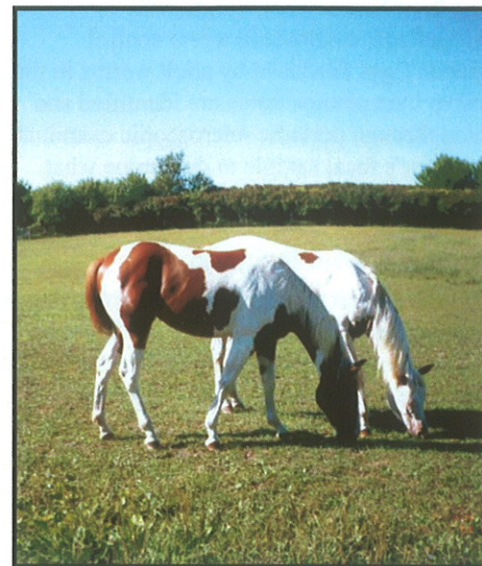
Managing parasites in horses can be challenging and confusing for even the most experienced horse owners. For the answers to the questions below or any of your own, contact Horsemen's Laboratory.

- ⑤ Does your horse really have worms?
- ⑤ Are your horses protected from worms?
- ⑤ How often do your horses need deworming?
- ⑤ Are worms living in your horses digestive tract?
- ⑤ Should you deworm your broodmares before foaling?
- ⑤ Have you ever wondered if your horses really have worms?
- ⑤ Do you know how often you should deworm your horses?
- ⑤ Do you know how well your worm control program is working?
- ⑤ Would you like to know if your horses have worms before deworming?
- ⑤ Are your horses and the environment being exposed to dewormer needlessly?

To learn more about worms and worm life cycles, be sure to visit our web site



Does Your Horse Really Have Worms?



You Won't Know Without Testing

Horsemen's Laboratory performs microscopic, fecal egg counts that tell you what you need to know for effective worm control



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Horsemen's Laboratory helps horse owners protect their horses from worms with individualized, customized worm control programs. Eggs produced by adult worms in the digestive tract of each horse are identified and counted through periodic microscopic examination of the horse's fecal sample to determine what medication to use and when to administer it.

Your Horse, Your Program

A one-size-fits-all approach to deworming does not take into account that horses may not have the same level or type of infection, nor does it consider individual responses to deworming products. Even horses pastured together will have varying levels of natural immunity to worms. Additionally, some owners have expressed a preference not to expose horses with other health problems such as laminitis, Cushing's disease, or allergies to unnecessary deworming, and monitoring fecal egg counts allows them to deworm only when necessary. An individualized approach based on worm egg counts maximizes your deworming program by allowing you to selectively deworm your horses.

But, simply put, without checking fecal egg counts, there is no way to know whether your horse has worms or whether the deworming product and process was effective.

Westbrook Stable home of Horsemen's Lab



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"Just a note to thank you for the fact we no longer deworm every horse that comes into our stable or the ones that are leaving.

Horsemen's Laboratory provides us with valuable information that allows us to make more reasonable decisions concerning which horses need to be dewormed."

-- K. Allen, California stable owner

Protect Your Horse and Evaluate Your Worm Control Program

Price List

Number of Samples	Price Per Sample
1 sample	\$18.00
2-5	\$15.00
6 or more.....	\$13.00
30 or more.....	call for a quote

An owner with 1 horse may pay for 6 samples when submitting the first sample to take advantage of the six-sample price. The lab will then send a reminder kit every three months. Kits may also be ordered from our web site with a credit card, or just call our toll-free number.

Your results will be e-mailed to you with an attached PDF file and also sent to you through the U.S. mail.

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Frequently Asked Questions

How long has Horsemen's Laboratory been in business?

Dr. Byrd started checking most of the horses he was deworming in 1991. Horsemen's Laboratory was established in 1993 and grew out of that experience.

Why is it important to check a horse's stool?

Monitoring egg counts is the best test to assess the adequacy of a worm control program in horses.

Why don't more trainers and owners use stool sample examinations to determine when to deworm?

In the past, it has not been convenient for them to have their horses checked. Our kit is quick and easy to use, and our reminders help horse owners stay on schedule.

Should horses be checked for worms before or after deworming?

Both times, if the pre-deworming sample is positive. Testing prior to deworming identifies the type and severity of infection. A post-deworming sample reveals the effectiveness of both the deworming process and the medication.

How often should I check my horses?

Horsemen's Laboratory sends reminders every three months. However, the frequency of testing depends on whether your horses are pastured with your own or other horses, the number of pasture mates and whether paddocks are dry or box stalls are clean and dry.

Should horses be dewormed even though their fecal sample contained no eggs?

Yes, if there is any physical evidence. Tail rubbing may indicate pinworms. If nearby horses, especially pasture mates, have been diagnosed with tapeworms, your horse may harbor tapeworms. Additionally, if bot fly eggs are present on front legs around knees or on mane or tail, bots may be present. Other factors to consider include climate, horse's age, environment, and herd size.