

Know Your Enemy: Common Equine Intestinal Parasites

Parasite	Symptoms of infestation	Effective Dewormer
Pinworms	Horse rubs his tail, often leaving broken hairs at the base of the tail	ivermectin, moxidectin, fenbendazole, pyrantel
Large Strongyles	Can cause inflammation of the arteries; in severe cases, can cause colic	ivermectin, moxidectin, fenbendazole, pyrantel
Small Strongyles	Can cause severe diarrhea in foals	ivermectin, moxidectin, pyrantel
Roundworms	Rough hair coat, pot-bellied appearance, unthriftiness and diarrhea, especially in young horses; occasionally can cause intestinal blockage	piperazine, fenbendazole, ivermectin, moxidectin, pyrantel
Bots	Tiny, yellowish eggs found at the end of hairs on the horse's legs and belly	ivermectin
Tapeworms	Minor irritation to the intestinal lining, sometimes causing diarrhea	praziquantel, pyrantel pamoate