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MASSACHUSETTS EQUINE CLINIC

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Dear Colleague:

Thank you for collecting and running a fecal egg count on your client's horse. We have proudly been helping Coursebrook Farm develop and maintain a targeted deworming program for the past six years. Since CBF is one of the older farms and also one that heavily made use of daily Strongid C2X, there is a fair amount of dewormer resistance on the farm. Fenbendazole has no effect and both Pyrantel Pamoate and Oxibendazole have diminished effect on some of the horses. We are unfortunately also starting to see a decreased egg reappearance period on Ivermectin.

Due to this resistance, I would prefer if any recommendations regarding dewormers could be discussed with me. Currently, the barn managers are already doing this, however; I hate providing clients with conflicting information and I realize it is difficult to appropriately advise a client on which deworming product to use, without having all the facts.

The current strategy at CBF follows the latest AAEP published recommendations, modified when necessary. We are deworming negative-low shedders once annually, the moderates slightly more, and targeting our high shedders frequently during the summer months. We have the horses harboring highly resistant worms isolated in individual paddocks. All the paddocks are getting picked regularly. I routinely run egg reduction tests to ensure dewormers are working properly. Most recently, a combination of Anthelcide and Strongid given together has been working on 95% of my moderate and high shedders. I use Ivermectin and Moxidectin judiciously.

I realize there are incidents when even a negative or low shedder should get a dewormer due to ill thrift or dermatologic conditions, etc. I ask to please keep the line of communication open regarding dewormer use at CBF. Please remind owners of the steps needed to ensure proper use of dewormers to avoid under dosing. We have certainly made progress and I would like the farm to continue down this path. Please don't hesitate to contact me on my cell phone either by calling or sending a text: 508-259-5941. I appreciate your commitment to this growing health concern.

Warm Regards,

Susan Galanthay, DVM