



## PARASITE CONTROL POLICY

Due to the high resistance of parasites we experience here at Course Brook Farm, we have a **STRICT** parasite control policy that **ALL** boarders must adhere to. We have worked closely with the farm veterinarian, Massachusetts Equine, to develop a strategic fecal and de-worming protocol that makes the best use of the available anthelmintics on the market, while preventing horses from being overmedicated or de-wormed for parasites they are not carrying. Please review the following information **fully and carefully**.

**Prior** to a horse's arrival we require:

- Results of a fecal test (Eggs Per Gram) performed within one week of arrival date
- Date last de-wormed and anthelmintic used

Once a horse arrives, it will be placed on Course Brook Farm's fecal and de-worming schedule. Boarders will receive e-mail notifications when Massachusetts Equine will be coming to collect fecals and administer anthelmintics. Fecal tests (Eggs Per Gram) will be taken for all horses twice annually (3 when recommended by Mass Equine), and Massachusetts Equine will determine the de-worming product to be utilized.

*\* Please note that annual de-worming with Praziquantel for the control of tapeworms is always recommended.*

Should you choose to use a different veterinarian and/or administer an anthelmintic yourself, you **MUST** receive approval from Course Brook Farm Management to use the intended de-wormer, and the empty box labeled with the horse's name and date administered, must be given to the charge staff. Some de-wormers are restricted due to parasite resistance and/or negative reactions.