

# OPENING A CAN OF WORMS

Are you a worm worrier, wacky wormer or worming wizard? Take our quiz to find out!

**H**aving a good worming schedule in place is key to keeping your pony healthy from the inside. Worms are parasites – creatures that rely on other animals to live and survive – and high levels of worms in your pony's tummy can make him poorly. So, how much do you know about protecting him against worms? Test your knowledge right here!



**1** What's involved in a worm egg count?

**A** Collecting a sample of poo, then sending it off to a vet or special lab to be tested

**B** Spreading out your pony's droppings and looking for worms yourself

**C** Collecting a sample of poo and sending it off to the nutritionist for analysis

**2** What does a worm egg count tell you?

**A** How many worms are in your pony's field – so you can spray and fertilise it accordingly

**B** What type of worm eggs are in your pony's tummy and roughly how many there are – it then indicates whether or not your pony will need treatment

**C** The exact number of worms that are in your pony's tummy

**3** How many times a year should you do a worm egg count?

**A** Once – just in winter

**B** Twice – every six months is plenty

**C** Four times – at the start of each season

**4** Which of these are signs that your pony has a high worm burden? (Tick all that apply)

**A** Colic

**B** Weight loss

**C** Diarrhoea

**5** If your pony needs a wormer, what do you base his dosage on?

**A** His weight

**B** How many worms he has in his tummy

**C** His height

**6** What does it mean for a pony if the worms become resistant to treatment?

**A** You'll need to feed him twice as much because the worms are eating his food

**B** He might become unhealthy or poorly

**C** He'll never be able to get rid of the worms in his tummy

**7** What sort of test looks for tapeworm?

**A** Blood test

**B** Egg count

**C** Saliva test

**8** What can you do to reduce the worm burden in your pony's field? (Tick all that apply)

**A** Poo-pick regularly

**B** Test new herd members

**C** Allow plenty of space for all the ponies

## HOW DID YOU GET ON?

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### 0-3 WORM WORRIER

Oh dear, you've got a way to go before you become a worming wizard. Don't worry though, there are plenty of useful resources out there that'll teach you all you need to know – including PONY mag!

### 4-6 WACKY WORMER

You think outside the box when it comes to your worming strategies but there's still room for improvement! Try speaking to your yard manager or vet for advice and do a little extra reading – you'll be a worming wizard soon!

### 7-8 WORMING WIZARD!

Well done, your knowledge on all things worms is certainly up to scratch. You know the best ways to deal with worms, which means the ponies in your care are going to be so healthy!

I SCORED...  /8