

## Collecting a sample for an Equine Wormtest

### SAMPLING PROCEDURE

1. Collect 1 fresh dung sample (at least the size of a large walnut) from a discrete individual deposit on ground, into one small zip-lock bag.
2. Squeeze any air from the bag and seal. Removing air from the sample bags is very important, as air and temperature may affect the results obtained. Complete the horse Identification label on the bag.
3. Repeat for each animal being tested ensuring that the samples are clearly identified.
4. Place the sealed sample bag(s) in the white plastic jar and screw lid on firmly.
5. Fill in the white advice note. The information provided will remain confidential and is necessary for correct interpretation. Please fill in as many details as possible.
6. Place the jar and the completed form in the black plastic bag and seal.
7. **Note:** The outer clear plastic bag has the freepost sticker attached and must be used to ensure your samples reach the laboratory.
8. Write your name, address and phone number on the 'free post' bag label.
9. Place the black plastic bag in the large clean 'free post' bag and seal.
10. **Important:** Keep collected material cool and out of sunlight.

### TRANSPORTING SAMPLES

Refrigerate (do not freeze) samples between collection and posting. To prevent delays, collect sample and mail at any Post Office **no later than Wednesday** of any week.

### SUBMITTING SAMPLES

Submit samples to:  
Animal Health Laboratory  
NRE Tas  
165 Westbury Road  
Prospect TAS 7250  
or mail in your 'free post' bag

P: (03) 6777 2111  
E: [specimenreception@nre.tas.gov.au](mailto:specimenreception@nre.tas.gov.au)

For urgent results, contact the laboratory.

If you have any difficulties interpreting the result contact your veterinarian.