



TAKING A MANURE SAMPLE

- 1. Always take a sample at least 2 weeks after the most recent deworming.
- 2. For each sample, make sure your hands are clean or use a new pair of disposable gloves.
- 3. Always take the sample from manure that is as fresh as possible.
- 4. One (1) dung ball from a horse is more than enough! Take 2 dung balls from ponies. (Just 4 grams are needed for the standard worm test and 15 grams for the liver fluke test.)
- 5. Take a sample from the dung balls that are on top and have not been in contact with the ground.
- 6. Make sure that you are certain that the manure comes from the horse that is to be tested.
- 7. Take the sealable bag and fill it with a single dung ball (or two from ponies). No more than that is needed for the analyses. The same applies if you are sending the sample in a pot.
- 8. Close seal bag or pot fully. Extra bags and/or sticky tape and so forth are quite unnecessary and make taking the samples very awkward!
- 9. Fill in the name of the horse on the label and follow the steps below for seal bags / pots:
 - Place the sealable bag (with the absorbent material around it) in the cardboard holder. Note: do **NOT** put the absorbent sheet **IN** the seal bag!
 - Put the whole thing in the blue dispatch envelope. Add the completed questionnaire in the envelope.
 - (The blue envelope also states "test tubes", but that does not apply in our case because we use seal bags).
 - *Or:* Place the pots in the shipping box and add the completed questionnaire.



10. Remove the adhesive strip and close the dispatch envelope or box fully. It is now ready for you to *apply postage stamps* and then send it.

Good luck!