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Chapter 3. Recording treatment decisions

Overview

Maintaining accurate and contemporaneous records of anthelmintic treatments for individual equids (including horses and donkeys) and herds of equids is a vital component of a parasite control programme. Both current and historical data are required to inform the decision-making process with regards to anthelmintic use.

Information that should be recorded when considering the need for anthelmintic treatment of equids:

- Owner and patient details – contact information (name and address) and horse history (age, sex, weight, passport details, relevant clinical history).
- An up-to-date risk assessment relating to the individual's or group's likely exposure to parasite infection and any associated data (e.g., stocking density, age group(s), pasture management, closed/open herd status).
- Test results – details of the test(s) used, date that test(s) was/were undertaken and the results.
- Anthelmintic treatment – details of treatment used and associated rationale.