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Camelid-Specific Faecal Testing Service

The Modified Stoll's method will be used for all faecals: this is the most sensitive test available for detecting worm egg and coccidia burdens in camelids. A sample size of 5g is ideal for submission (minimum 2g), equivalent to 4-6 adult faecal beans. [Photos of how this amount looks in a sample pot are provided on our website.] This test does not routinely detect fluke eggs if present: if you have specific concerns about liver fluke, the sedimentation test is used and can be requested separately – there is an additional charge per sample.

Instructions for submission:

- **CALL OR EMAIL FIRST** to book a slot for us to receive samples!! This ensures samples can be processed on the day of arrival and reported efficiently.
- **Collect samples from individual alpacas:** no pooled samples.
- Collect samples that have been **freshly voided** (and observed!) so that you know who they are from.
- **Please body condition score** the alpaca or llama at the time of collection (I will assume that you are using a scale of 1-10 unless you state otherwise so please make this clear). Including the BCS information on your submission allows a more meaningful interpretation of the results. Please also note on the submission form if you have any particular concerns (eg recent weight loss, diarrhoea, soft stool etc...) about individual animals or groups. Include information about worming/anticoccidial history and specific recent treatments (with dates).
- **Place the sample into a labelled sample pot.** Label the sample with the animal identification (name or number).
- Place all samples inside the Specimen bag provided. If sending liquid samples, include sufficient absorbent material in the packaging to absorb any spillages.
- Complete submission form and include in the document pouch of the specimen bag.
- Place specimen bag and documents inside our pre-labelled box for posting.
 - Don't forget to complete the sender details box on the front
- Send samples by Special Delivery for next day delivery at the lab (no need to select the option for before 9am!) – avoids sample deterioration.

TIPS for Faecal Screening

- **Do not pool samples** from multiple individuals because the information obtained by pooling samples is not useful. I will not process samples pooled from multiple individuals.
- For faecal screening, you should test **10% of the herd or 10 animals, whichever is the greatest number:** if you have fewer than 10 animals test all of them. Note that the greater the proportion of animals tested, the better the quality of information obtained. Select individuals that are skinny, have been losing weight, or younger animals especially those aged 6-18 months – these are more likely to have higher egg counts so you are more likely to see what is present in the herd.

Submission Form for Faecals: For VET Use

Client Information:

Vet Name: Practice Name and Address: Postcode:	Owner ID (Farm name AND/OR Owner Surname):
Vet phone number: Vet Email address (required , for reporting results):	Owner email address (a copy of the report will be sent to the owner):

Clinical History and Reason for Submission:

Species: Alpaca/Llama/Other(specify)	No. of animals on farm:	No. of samples:	Date of sample collection:

Is this submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Diagnostic or for <input type="checkbox"/> Routine Screening ? If diagnostic, please provide details of clinical problem:	Include details regarding any recent worming/ anticoccidial treatments (include dates):
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Additional tests (Please enquire about pricing):

Please indicate in comments below which samples require these tests

☐ **Sedimentation test** (liver fluke)

☐ **Acid-fast smear** (Crypto)

Individual Animal Details:

	Animal ID	Group Name / Field name*	BCS Out of 10	Age	Gender (M/F)	Comments (any concerns or recent treatments: tick box if this is a <u>re-test</u> sample)
1			/10			<input type="checkbox"/>
2			/10			<input type="checkbox"/>
3			/10			<input type="checkbox"/>
4			/10			<input type="checkbox"/>
5			/10			<input type="checkbox"/>
6			/10			<input type="checkbox"/>
7			/10			<input type="checkbox"/>
8			/10			<input type="checkbox"/>
9			/10			<input type="checkbox"/>
10			/10			<input type="checkbox"/>

*Not required if samples are all from animals in the same group. This info aids in providing our interpretation where animals are from more than one group.

	Animal ID	Group name / field name	BCS	Age	Gender (M/F)	Comments (any concerns or recent treatments: tick box if this is a <u>re-test</u> sample)
11			/10			<input type="checkbox"/>
12			/10			<input type="checkbox"/>
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