

HERBAL TONIC

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For those individuals who would prefer to avoid or limit their use of chemical dewormers on their horses, this is an excellent product to assist in parasite control. It is *not* a dewormer but it is filled with traditional *vermifuge* herbs used for centuries to control internal parasite infestation and is a great addition to the Basic Program which in and of itself does a great job of limiting parasite overload.

Aside from aiding in parasite control, **Herbal Tonic** also is a superior detoxifier aiding in liver cleansing, lymph drainage and lactic acid dispersal; this last especially helpful for “tying up” horses. Lymph drains to the liver and if the liver is already dealing with an over-load of toxins, it will not be able to handily deal with added lymph causing a “back-up” in the system.

Many distributors in warmer, moist climates like to use it on a quarterly basis (include a full moon in the time frame since parasites are more active then) to aid in parasite control, while those in drier, cooler climates find an annual round or so may be sufficient. For toxin control, quarterly rounds at season change work extremely well.

Holistic vet Donna Starita, DVM, recommends quarterly detoxing for horses, and **Herbal Tonic** is her product of choice. One jar is sufficient for a 1,000# horse per detox round.

This powder, containing only human-grade ingredients, can be mixed with the horse’s standard **PGR** or **COB** ration. You cannot detoxify and build at the same time, so pull other supplements while using **Herbal Tonic**—it contains a proper blend of nutrients to support your horse during the detox. Always continue to offer the **Free Choice Minerals** and of course the free choice grass hay.

There are two ways in which to feed Herbal Tonic: for a full month or for just a week. If you do choose the 7 day program, we do suggest beginning 3 days before a full moon as parasites are most active then.

Herbal Tonic is another of the **DYNAMITE®** products which can be used on many species including dogs, cats, goats, etc.; pretty much *any* mammalian species.

People do ask if this will “work” for heart worms in dogs; the answer is always that healthy animals have less parasite challenge and that alkaline systems do not support large parasitic colonies. Do read The Nature of Animal Healing by Martin Goldstein DVM which contains excellent information on this subject.

As for bots in horses, basically the same answer applies; however, in bot infested areas spraying the horses’ legs with **DynaShield** will discourage the laying/sticking of the bot eggs and, if eggs are already in evidence, the oil in the **DynaShield** will essentially smother the eggs.

For more on parasite control, please read EQUINE BASICS: PARASITES ■