

Question form for Dung research by Claudia Schoester

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Dung research

It is best when the dung is examined by Claudia within 24 hours. In the hours following the dung will slowly fall back in quality, especially on warm days. Therefore it is important that the dung sample will arrive at Claudia soon after collection.

If that is not possible on very short term, please store the sample refrigerated as much as possible (for example in a fridge, do not freeze!).

If you are sending the sample by mail, please do this by normal letterbox mail (no package). Make sure that you post the envelope just before postal collection; on Monday till Friday before 17:00. Claudia will then receive the sample the next day.

You will receive the result and a set up advice from Claudia within several days.

Taking a dung sample:

- Take with you 2 new (sandwich) bags, a name tag/paper, and a pen.
- As soon as the horse poops, put your hand in the first bag. Take one whole dung ball that did not touch the ground.
- Turn the bag inside out. Push as much air out of the bag as you can. Tie a knot to close the bag. If you send the sample by mail, flatten it a little bit, without tearing the bag.
- Put the second bag around the sample, so the first bag cannot tear.
- In the second bag you can put the name tag/paper. Write on that: (1) the **name of the horse**, (2) **date**, and (3) the **time** the horse has pooped!

Please fill in completely by the owner/contact person:

Name owner/contact person:	
Phone number owner/contact person:	
Email address owner/contact person:	
Date of taking dung sample:	
Time of horse pooping:	

Horse information:

Name:	
Horse is housed at (name of stable, town):	
Age:	
Sex:	<input type="checkbox"/> Mare <input type="checkbox"/> pregnant <input type="checkbox"/> nursing <input type="checkbox"/> Gelding <input type="checkbox"/> Stallion
Breed / type:	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
Height:	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
Current weight:	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
Body Condition Score*:	0 1 2 3 4 5 (please encircle your answer)

How is the horse kept?	<input type="checkbox"/> At pasture: _____ hours a day <input type="checkbox"/> Stabled: _____ hours a day <input type="checkbox"/> At paddock: _____ hours a day <input type="checkbox"/> Different, namely _____
Is the dung removed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Pasture: dung is removed _____ times a week. <input type="checkbox"/> Stable: dung is removed _____ times a week. <input type="checkbox"/> Paddock: dung is removed _____ times a week. <input type="checkbox"/> Different, namely _____
Are there other horses kept at the same pasture/paddock that are younger than 3 years old?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know <input type="checkbox"/> Different, namely _____
Does the horse frequently rub its tail? (and not the manes!)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> A little bit <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know <input type="checkbox"/> Different, namely _____
Does the horse sometimes have a white powder-like substance on the anus?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know <input type="checkbox"/> Different, namely _____
Did the horse recently suffer from (one of) the following diseases? Or other symptoms that could indicate a low(ered) immune system?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Thin/wet poop <input type="checkbox"/> Weight loss <input type="checkbox"/> Dull coat <input type="checkbox"/> Colic <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know <input type="checkbox"/> Different, namely _____
Date of last antiworm treatment:	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
Name of last antiworm treatment (or the active substance):	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
Further comments:	
Do you want to be reminded by email when it is time for the next dung research? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable	

*** Body Condition Score:**

Please score the horses physical condition. Use the figures below to choose the horses body condition. Note the visibility of the ribs, the roundness of the buttocks (rear view), and fat accumulation on the mane (how hard or supple do they feel). If it is hard to choose one number, you can encircle two numbers.

