



Subsidised camelid parasitology testing

Miscellaneous & Exotic Farmed Species (MEFS) Expert Group
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APHA is offering subsidised worm egg and coccidial oocyst counting for camelids until 30 June 2026.

Camelid worm egg and coccidial oocyst counting

The test offered by APHA:

- is discounted to £7 per sample (from £30.06 per sample)
- follows the Sensitive Improved Modified McMaster method ([TC0860](#))
- is a two-part process including saturated sodium chloride and saturated zinc sulphate floatation, which enables the detection of all significant nematode eggs and coccidia oocysts, including *Eimeria macusaniensis*, *Eimeria ivitaensis*, *Trichuris* species and *Nematodirus* species
- is sensitive to 10 eggs or oocysts per gram of faeces
- requires at least 4.5g of faeces (a heaped tablespoon)

How to send samples

Submit samples either:

- through the [Animal Disease Testing Service](#), using the free postage label generated
- directly to APHA's [Carmarthen Veterinary Investigation Centre](#) with a [general submission form](#)

You must:

- submit the samples through a veterinary surgeon
- indicate whether the samples are for monitoring or diagnostic purposes

- ensure the packaging conforms with postal regulations for Category B biological substances ([UN3373](#)) - do not submit samples in gloves

Other parasitology tests offered by APHA

APHA also offer discounted:

- fluke and camelid worm egg count package ([PC0864](#))
- differential staining for *Haemonchus* species eggs ([TC0777](#)) - this test is exclusively carried out by APHA, which enables prompt testing of worm egg count samples submitted to us

See the full [price list, guidance on sample and test selection, and submission forms](#).

If you have any queries, contact your [local Veterinary Investigation Centre](#).



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