

Supplies Needed:

- Microscope with a movable stage, (eyepiece 10x) setting range 4x, 10x, 40x, 100x. (I use the 10x lens for everything) and it must contain it's own light source.
- Glass slides and coverslips
- Fecalyzer test vials (can be purchased individually or a box of 50).
- Sodium Solution (i.e. Fecasol)
- Plastic bottle with dropper end (these can be found at most beauty supply stores)
- Paper Towels

Fecal testing supplies can be ordered at:

- Revival Animal Health (800) 786-4751
or order on their website at www.revivalanimal.com
- Vet Med Direct (877) 483-8633
or order on their website at www.vetmeddirect.com

Parasite reference books:

- Veterinary Parasitology, fifth edition by William J. Foreyt
- Veterinary Clinical Parasitology, sixth edition
by Margaret W. Sloss, Russell L. Kemp, Anne M. Zajac

They can be purchased at:

- Amazon.com
- Quality Llama Products
33217 Bellinger Scale Rd. Lebanon, OR 97355
(800) 638-4689 Fax: (800) 580-5262 <https://secure.llamaproducts.com/>

Check ebay too!

Just some personal thoughts I want to pass on:

- Have a hay analysis done to check the protein level, on each batch you get, even if it's from the same place.
- Our vet suggests feed should be around 12-14%, nothing less than 10%, unless it's being used for weight loss.
- Monitor your llamas/alpacas weight monthly, either by a scale or body score.
- If a llama/alpaca is thin, have a fecal test done. Treat for the particular parasite/coccidia.
- A llama/alpaca can be full of parasites or coccidia and NOT have diarrhea!
- Dewormers are NOT a treatment for coccidia. Use Albon, Corid or similar product.
- If the llama/alpaca continues to drop weight, have a blood workup done immediately.
- Know your llamas/alpacas, watch for ABNORMAL behavior. When you feed, make sure everyone comes in to eat. Question the ones that sit off by themselves during feeding time.
- If your llama/alpaca goes "off" their feed, you need to act quickly. Talk to your vet and have blood work done.

A great website for more information about parasites and dewormers!

<http://fiascofarm.com/goats/wormers.htm#chemical>

I've recently found a wonderful product used to help llamas/alpacas through times of stress. It's called **FIBRevive** and it really helps keep things functioning. Once a llama/alpaca goes off their feed, time is critical, you only have about 72 hours before they run the risk of developing fatty liver disease. **FIBRevive** can truly help this from happening. Visit www.pearsonpond.com for more info or give Tracy Pearson a call, she has been dealing with parasites also and is glad to share information.

One more thing...I'm NOT a vet, just sharing from personal experience. It's always best to check with your vet before treating for parasites and make sure you have the correct product & dosage. My hope is to share the knowledge I've gained this past year and continue to encourage other breeders/owners to do the same. If we don't openly talk about these issues, no one will learn from them!

Feel free to call me, Sherri Tallmon (503) 630-5173 or email hidenoakslamaranch@msn.com if you have questions.....anytime!