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To Worm, Or Not To Worm, That Is The Question

Thoughts on worming guineas seem to fall into one of three categories:

1. I've never heard of guinea pigs having worms.
2. I've never wormed my guinea pigs and not experienced any problems.
3. Guineaes eat the same as farm animals, are exposed to the same risk of parasites, and therefore need regular worming every 3 months.

Here at Gorgeous Guineaes we like to use natural products on our guineas wherever possible, but always after a proper Veterinary diagnosis, and in conjunction with any prescription drugs recommended by our guinea-friendly Vet.

Worms can cause problems that range from being undetectable to severe diarrhoea, weight loss and even death if not treated. So, what is the answer? If you don't like the idea of worming your guinea with normal Veterinary wormers every 3 months, we have found a natural wormer that has been tried and tested.

Four Seasons Anti-Parasitic

What the manufacturer says:

"Four Seasons natural parasite control acts throughout the year. Simply administer using the pipette supplied, either directly or by mixing with food. Four Seasons may be used for puppies/kittens and pregnant females. Four Seasons is made from only natural ingredients, known and used for many hundreds of years by herbalists, combining herbal and homeopathic ingredients. As such it operates in two ways:

- Firstly the homeopathic ingredients support the digestive organs allowing the natural expulsion of parasites to occur through the animals own natural defence system.

- Secondly the astringent effects of the herbal ingredients act directly on parasites, creating a hostile environment for them. Tests show the effect is long term and gentle, the opportunities to re-establish infestation reduced leading to naturally lower egg and worm counts. Four Seasons will not adversely affect the protective natural gut flora. "

Here at Gorgeous Guineaes we have been using Four Seasons for over 2 years, and it has saved the life of one guinea that had very poorly tummy with diarrhoea and unexplained weight loss. The day after Possum was given a dose of Four Seasons, he put on one ounce, the same the following day, and the day after that. Possum made a full recovery and went from 2lbs 8oz back up to his "normal" weight of 3lbs. It has also helped several other guineas that we know of that were not regularly wormed and had unexplained weight loss. Four Seasons is quick and easy to administer. The dose is 0.5ml per pig once a month by mouth - what could be easier?

Marks Out Of 10:

Taste: 10/10 - no funny faces were pulled.
Healthy: 10/10 - no side effects and none of the ingredients would cause problems.
Format: 10/10 - easy to use, quick and economical if you have a lot of guineas.
Packaging: 9/10 - our only minor issue..... the pipette supplied is made of **GLASS**.

**DO NOT USE THE GLASS PIPETTE IN THE FOUR SEASONS BOTTLE
TO DOSE YOUR GUINEA.**

NEVER PUT ANYTHING MADE OF GLASS INTO OR NEAR YOUR GUINEA'S MOUTH.
Please use a 1ml PLASTIC syringe to give the correct dose of 0.5ml to each piggy once a month.

Available from Holistic Pet Supplies (www.holisticpetsupplies.co.uk) who supply a wide range of complementary remedies for pets.

There are also plenty of conventional worming products available on the Internet. We don't recommend that you buy these as there are so many available - different products at variable strengths and for different animals. How do you know if your guinea is getting the correct dose of the correct drug at the correct strength? The safest route is to go to your Vet who can prescribe a safe dose of the correct drugs(s).

IMPORTANT NOTE: if your guinea has Mange Mites, it MUST be treated with Ivomec / Ivermectin. The natural products described above will NOT work against Mange Mites. Ivomec / Ivermectin is used to control Mites and Roundworms, so please consult your Vet for an appropriate diagnosis and treatment. Most Vets now usually recommend Xeno 50 or Xeno 450 (which are spot-on versions of Ivermectin) instead of painful injections.

We don't recommend that you use any of the "spot-on" type of products from pet shops. Why? Because they either contain too little Ivermectin to be of use, or other ingredients that really aren't suitable for guineas.

This article is for information only and is no substitute for proper Veterinary diagnosis and treatment.