

# Alpaca Health Procedures

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The list below are essential procedures you need to follow to keep your alpacas healthy. There are some other health problems that you need to be aware of, such as facial eczema and rye grass staggers, so please [talk to us](#) about these.

## **Worming**

- Drench at three months of age, then again eight weeks later.
- Check adults with faecal egg count to assess dosing schedule.
- If heavy infestation drench once and then again three weeks later.
- Oral vetdectin @ 1.5 times sheep dose or sub-cutaneous Dectomax are suitable. Also Parade horse wormers can be used and are convenient.

## **Vaccination** (Clostridial vaccine, five in one)

- Initial programme for unvaccinated animals – a course of two shots, four weeks apart starting at six weeks plus in age.
- Adults – twice yearly.
- Pregnant female – six weeks prior to unpacking.

## **Vitamins – Vitamin ADE** (for rickets prevention)

- Important in low light or heavy fleece.
- Commonly autumn born cria are very susceptible when about three months of age.
- Cria – treat at four weeks, ten weeks, four months and six months.
- Adult – twice yearly.