

## **Worming— How much is too much? (cont'd)**

**My two cents: Bloodworms making a comeback? "That's not good!" The changes haven't been in place long enough for Denmark to make its point. More study is needed on the long term health risk to these horses.**

We can't forget about the boarding stables. They have their own set of rules. Their situation has got more complexities than the average backyard private stable. Some may even have a monthly worming program to keep infestation at bay. With so many horses coming and going, how could they not?

In conclusion, use some common sense when reaching for a tube of wormer. Is it the right wormer for the specific parasite in your horse? Twice a year in the spring and late fall sounds fine, but there may be some horses falling through the cracks. A variety of over-the-counter wormers may leave many guessing which one is best for my horse? Specific, hard-hitting wormers have been mentioned in the article for simplifying the guessing game. Beware. There are horses that have had bad reactions to some wormers. So be your own detective. In short, if you need direction, ask your vet.

The northern horses are at risk because their egg count will spike in the spring and worms will intensely contaminate pastures. In short, worm them five days before letting them out for their first time graze fest.

## **Ellen's Surgery Went Well!** by Marcia Tipsword

For those who don't know: Our newsletter editor, and long time WMTA trail member, Ellen DeMunnik, has had back surgery. God bless her, she's no stranger to back surgery. The back has been one big pain for years and we're all hoping this one is the last! Ellen is home from the hospital and says everything went well. However, Ellen has some serious restrictions for the next three months. "But nothing I can't handle." Such a toughie! Ellen's goal is to walk, walk, and walk. This will keep her strong and heal faster. I had to laugh, as I envision hubby Jim, driving Ellen to a nearby school to do laps on the track. Jim is in one lane and Ellen in the other, and the super woman is "smoking" him with her walker! (In a cape and tights, of course.) Go!, Ellen, Go! Speedy recovery and wishing you the best :)



## **2010 DATES TO REMEMBER - Use as a Refrigerator Note!**

*May 13 (Thurs.)...WMTA Board Meeting*

**MAY 30 Trivia Ride \* members free \*(10:30 AM)**

**JUNE 13 Raffle Ride (10:30 AM)**

*July 15 (Thurs.)...WMTA Members (Elections) Meeting*

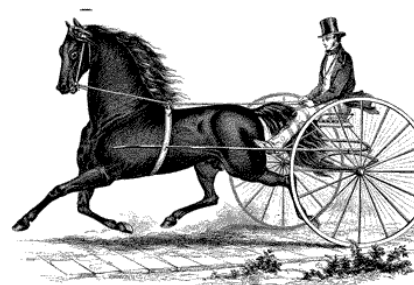
**AUG. 15** T.B.D. (if anything)

*Sept. 16 (Thurs.)...WMTA Board Meeting*

**SEPT. 26 Poker Ride (10:30 AM)**

**OCT. 17 Trail Ride & Potluck (10 to 3:30)**

**DEC. 3 Holiday Party (6:30 soda cocktail hour!)**



Have some fun driving & riding on the Wolcott Mill equine trails!