

# How to perform a worm evaluation and use the Elanco Capillary Worm Screen

## Step 1



Select 3 birds from the flock (sex slips or birds out of production). Remove the intestinal tracts from the bird beginning with the gizzard, past the cecal pouches to the vent.

## Step 2



Slit the intestinal tract and make any observations about intestinal health or the presence of worms (Roundworms or Tapeworms). Examine the tips of the ceca for the presence of Cecal worms. Discard the intestinal tract past Meckel's diverticulum.

## Step 3



Remove the contents (digesta) of the intestinal tract.

## Step 4



Using the blade of your knife, scrape the intestinal mucosa and put it into the worm screen. Scrape a second time in the opposite direction and put the scrapings in the worm screen.

## Step 5



Using a high-pressure hose, wash the scrapings through the screen to remove any debris, mucus or other material. This will not harm or remove the worms.

## Step 6



Flip the screen over to back-wash the worms into a clean glass jar.

## Step 7



Observe the jar for thread-like Capillary worms.

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