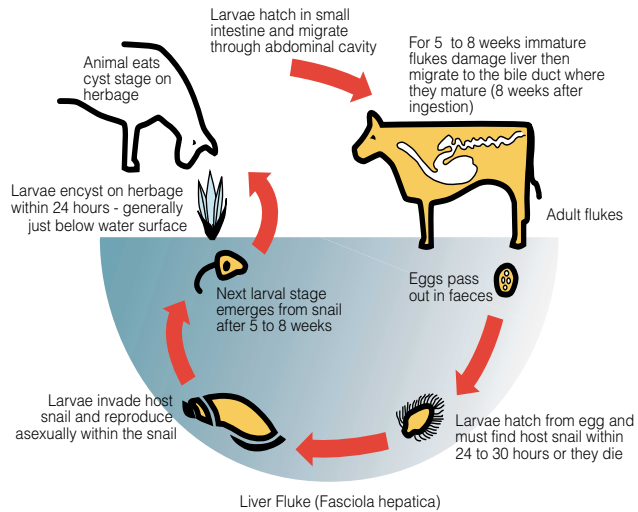


Liver Fluke

- A flat, leaf-shaped worm, 2-3 cm long that can parasitise most mammals and some birds.

Lifecycle



- Only one particular family of water snails will carry liver fluke. Until 1972, none were present in WA. They are now present throughout the Restricted Area.
- Cysts may survive several months out of water until they are eaten by a grazing animal.
- Untreated flukes may survive for the life of the host.



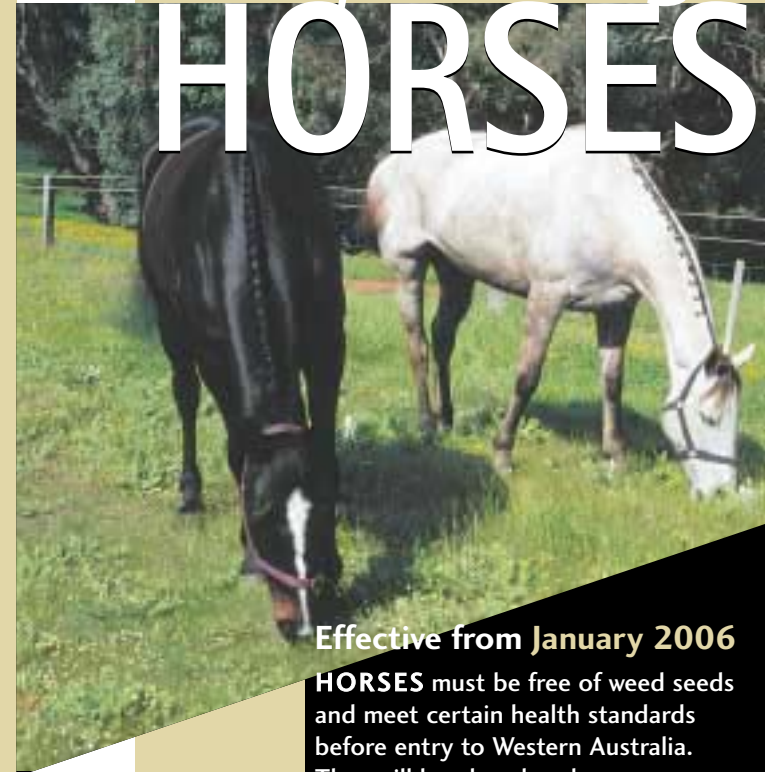
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Importing HORSES



Effective from January 2006

HORSES must be free of weed seeds and meet certain health standards before entry to Western Australia. They will be placed under an "Imported Stock Quarantine Notice" upon entry until they have met the treatment and testing requirements described in this pamphlet.

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Pre-entry conditions

ALL HORSES

A negative faecal test for liver fluke within 14 days prior to departure is required.

The Liver Fluke Restricted Area

Western Australia has a Liver Fluke Restricted Area, shown on the map. Horses entering the Liver Fluke Restricted Area must move only to “high dry ground” until they have met all their treatment and test requirements. This is to prevent their faeces coming in contact with any water which may contain the intermediate host snail.

Post-Entry Treatments and Tests

ALL HORSES

- Treatment with triclabendazole within 48 hours of entry into Western Australia.
- Another treatment with triclabendazole 21-35 days after entry.
- All treatments for horses are at label dose rate and is at 12mg/kg.
- A negative faecal test for liver fluke 90-100 days after entry.
- Treatments, inspections and testing are at the owner's expense and by arrangement between the owner and a registered veterinary surgeon.

All imported animals have the potential to carry unwanted weed seeds or foreign diseases into Western Australia.

Many weeds and liver fluke are endemic in the eastern states. They can be kept out of WA by proper inspection, treatment and quarantine.

Liver Fluke Restricted Area map

