

The British Horse Society

Ragwort Awareness Week Campaign

11-17 July 2011



Q1) Type of land ragwort is growing on – please tick relevant box

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| Field | <input type="checkbox"/> | Motorway | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Common land | <input type="checkbox"/> | Set-aside/farmland | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Waste land | <input type="checkbox"/> | Railway embankment | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (Please state) _____ | | | |

Q2) Location of field/land – please provide as many details as possible as to the location of the field/land – e.g. a street name, name of yard or farm the field belongs to, area, county, postcode, grid reference or directions to the nearest main road. If the ragwort is on motorway verges, please provide details of nearest junction and whether north or southbound.

Q3) Approximate size of field in acres/hectares/or metres, if known

Q4) Number of horses, cattle and/or sheep being grazed on the land (or approx figure) if applicable

Q5) Level of ragwort coverage on the land – please tick relevant box

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| A few plants isolated on the land | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Approximately quarter of the land | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Approximately half of the land | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Approximately three quarters of the land | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The majority of the land | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| On a motorway verge/railway embankment | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If you would like to be entered into the draw to win one of two Mark Todd Blouson Jackets please provide us with your name and address:

For further questionnaire forms, information or advice contact 02476 840517 or email welfare@bhs.org.uk.
Please return this form to The British Horse Society, Ragwort 2011, Abbey Park, Stareton, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 2XZ before the end of July.

Ragwort Identification

Rosette Stage

Ragwort is normally a biennial – taking two years to fully grow and flower. Seedlings have a spade shaped leaf that is notched at the top. In the first year of growth ragwort has a dense rosette of leaves low to the ground.



Photo courtesy of Welsh Assembly Government

Plant Stage

Plants in their second year grow to between 30 and 100cm high and have woody stems and dark green leaves with ragged, irregular edges. They produce bright yellow, densely packed flowers from May to October.



Photos courtesy of Welsh Assembly Government

Caution: When handling ragwort, gloves and a face mask should be worn, as the plants are potentially harmful to humans.

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