



Lanes
FARM VETS

Newsletter

September 2020

Dates for your diary:

Medicines Course—we don't have a date set for the next course. Please register your interest if you require attendance and we can organise a date when there is sufficient interest.

AI Course 29th October—1st November

We are running another AI course alongside Embryonics as the previous few have been highly successful. The course is £535 plus vat, young farmers get 10% discount. Held at Arnside Tower Farm, Arnside. Start time on the first day is 9:30am. Places are limited to 6 so ensure you register early to avoid disappointment. Please call Embryonics to register on 01606 854411.

Computers! We are currently in the process of changing our Practice Management System. This is necessary to avoid some of the frustrations we have had with our previous system. We have planned and prepared extensively to ensure it is as painless as possible and hope that any teething problems are minimal. Our new providers are very proactive and keen to tailor the system to both our and your needs so we welcome any constructive feedback to improve your experience.



Check out our facebook page for up-to-date news and please send us pictures of your innovative handling successes allowing social distancing whilst safely treating animals. Prize for the best!

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Calcium & magnesium control

With the flush of grass following the rain we have seen an increase in the cases of milk fever and staggers in calving cows. High potassium levels and low magnesium in fresh grass are implicated. Supplement with magnesium with boluses, buckets or minerals in feed or water and bring late dry cows in to manage their diet at least 3 weeks before calving.



Grazing dry cows at grass can result in:

- **Held cleansings**
- **Milk fever**
- **Staggers**
- **Increase in endometritis cases (whites)**
- **Calving problems**
- **Ketosis (slow fever)**

Don't leave calf pneumonia vaccinations too late.

If you haven't vaccinated over summer now is the time to protect young calves before the weather changes. Reducing viral load and increasing protection before the stress of poor weather is a key component in controlling pneumonia outbreaks.

Calves act as multipliers of pneumonia viruses even if not clinically affected. If you can reduce the shedding now, the likelihood of severe disease is lessened. Testing may be implicated on some farms to identify the viruses present to create best vaccination protocols for your specific issues. Don't delay in contacting us to discuss vaccine choice—why wait until its too late?

Toxovax and Enzovax reminder

Don't forget to ensure you have your Toxovax and Enzovax vaccines ordered as it is getting closer to the time to put the tups in. Toxovax is currently taking 14 days to get to us as it is made specifically to order, Toxovax is currently available in 20 dose and 50 dose bottles. Enzovax is available next day and is only available in 20 dose bottles.

Don't worry if you have left it too late! There is a new vaccine for Enzootic abortion which is licensed to give to pregnant ewe—call the surgery for more information!

Don't welcome disease onto your farm...

Top Ten Tips for buying in stock

Introducing stock is always going to carry the greatest risk for introducing new diseases. Here is a very brief checklist you should run through when buying in stock to minimise the risks.

- 1) **Plan ahead.** Give yourself enough time to source quality stock and quarantine.
- 2) **Assess the risk of disease.** Direct purchase off a closed farm with a high health status is far safer than through a market. Is the herd / flock accredited for any diseases?
- 3) **What parasite control plan was in place?** Don't welcome resistance of high parasite burdens onto your pasture.
- 4) **Vaccinations?** Make sure you find out what was given and when.
- 5) Have there been any health tests? Ask for lab reports or certificates to avoid confusion.
- 6) **Know your own status.** There's no point spending extra buying from an accredited source for a disease that is endemic on your farm.
- 7) **Inspect prospective stock**—look for lumps, bumps, skin lesions, foot lesions etc
- 8) **Quarantine for at least 3 weeks** and inspect during that time. Treat for resistant worms and fluke during this time (preferably before allowed on pasture). Consider testing or vaccinating where appropriate.
- 9) **Consider your haulier** if not transporting yourself. Avoid mixing with other stock and organic matter (muck, fleece etc) from other farms.
- 10) **If unsure ask!** We are happy to discuss specific diseases or concerns you may have. Test results and vaccination claims can be a minefield!

Goodbye and good luck Janis!

We are sad to inform you that vet Janis is moving new on for a new veterinary challenge in Cheshire. We wish Janis all the best for her new venture and would like to thank her for all her hard work over the past 2 years, particularly in managing the Calf Health Club. Don't worry, calf monitoring will continue and Helen will be in touch very shortly to arrange measurements and sampling.



Well done and good luck to Fiona!

We are really chuffed that Fiona has gained a place at Liverpool Vet School and will begin her Veterinary Studies in October. Fiona joined us in October 2018 as a valuable member of our reception team whilst gaining experience of practice life. We are really proud of her achievement and although we'll miss her we're sure she will be back during her training.



Drug update

We are still unable to get our hands on any lactating cow tubes. We still only have Ubroxin, Ubropen and Mastiplan.

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