



Lanes
FARM VETS

Newsletter

June 2021

Dates for your diary

Flock Health Club meeting—Getting the most out of grazing grass. An on farm meeting with speaker Siwan Howatson (AHDB) —places limited to 15

10th June 12-2pm at Castle O’Trim Farm, Ellel LA2 0QD.

Refreshments provided as usual—call now to book your place.

Medicines courses—we continue to carry these out on farm and the easing of Covid restrictions should hopefully mean we can carry out group meetings soon. Please call to register your interest.

Advance notice— our **annual AI and foot trimming courses** will be running later in the year. DIY AI in September and Herdsman Foot trimming in December. Call for more information or to book a place.

You answered, we listen... thank you!

Thank you to all the clients who have responded to our questionnaire. We have taken on board your requests and will continue to listen to any feedback. Please do contact us, its not too late to send in your questionnaire. Copies are available at Green Lane or Brock offices or call the practice to get an electronic version sent if you would prefer. Its only a few questions long and takes less than 5 mins to complete.

And thank you for the lovely comments we have received regarding our service—it really is nice to know you appreciate what we strive to deliver.

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CCN (Cerebrocortical necrosis or Polioencephalomyelitis)

We have seen several cases of CCN in the past few weeks.

It is most commonly seen in lambs aged 4 to 8 months, growing cattle on high concentrate rations and can also occur in adult sheep. Individual lambs are usually affected approximately two weeks after movement to another pasture or other dietary change. The change in diet alters the bacterial make-up in the rumen allowing production of byproducts by some bacteria which have toxic effects on the brain.

Clinical Signs

During the early stages affected animals are blind and become isolated from the group and may wander aimlessly. There is 'star-gazing' when stationary with a high head stance. The condition often deteriorates within 12 to 24 hours to lying flat out with seizure activity during handling. Without treatment, death follows within 3 to 5 days in untreated stock.



Diagnosis

Diagnosis in the live animal is based on veterinary examination. Confirmation of CCN can be achieved post mortem.

Similar clinical signs can be seen with Listeria (usually very dull, depressed and painful), Gid cyst (animals often circle with a head tilt or show lack of balance), ear infections, twin lamb disease, BSE, brain abscesses, meningitis and poisonings.

Treatment

Early treatment is key. There is generally a good treatment response during the early clinical stages of CCN to high doses of thiamine (vitamin B1 at 10 mg/kg between 2 –4 times daily) administered intravenously for the first occasion. Successfully treated animals are able to stand and start eating within 24 hours although normal vision may not return for 5 to 7 days. Treatment should be continued for three consecutive days. Supportive care and easy access to food and water is essential during the recovery period.

Belated welcome to Liv!

Liv Gorst has been with us for a few months now and has escaped being introduced on the newsletter. Liv is a farmer's daughter from Bay Horse who is helping Jo and Helen on reception for a few days during the week and covering Saturday mornings. If you haven't already met her we're sure you will soon, either over the phone or collecting drugs.



New vet—Seth Kennard

Our new farm animal vet, Seth Kennard, will be joining us in early July.

Seth is joining us from a large farm animal practice in Cheshire—watch this space for more details - or let us know if you have a question about Seth and we can ask him in our 'Meet the new vet' questionnaire for next months newsletter.

Medicines supplies improving

The recent disruption to medicine supplies from Europe are now settling and most drugs are now back on the shelf including Betamox and Synulox tubes. The only major outstanding supply issue is Tetradelta Milking Cow tubes. We still have no further information regarding their return to the wholesalers. We do have alternatives so please do ask if unsure what to use.

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