



Lanes
farm vets

Newsletter
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Update on new premises at Brock Auction

We are still looking forward to move to our new purpose built premises at Brock Auction. Unfortunately availability of building materials has delayed completion of the build but we will keep you informed of progress. We have read and listened to all your feedback regarding the move (thank you!) and have taken it all on board. Please don't hesitate to continue to share feedback with us.

Annual AI course still has a few places left.

We are running two groups, both start with a zoom day on Friday 10th September, followed by two days of practical (Mon 13th and Tues 14th or Thurs 16th and Friday 17th). If you wish to book, please contact Amanda at Embryonics on 01606 854411. Places are allocated on a first come first served basis so call now to secure your place, there are limited places left.

Foot Trimming course

Emmie is hosting a foot trimming course in December at Arnside Tower Farm. This is split into two groups, starting with a theory day on Monday 6th and followed by two days of practical (Tues 7th and Weds 8th or Thursday 9th and Friday 10th). Call the office on 01995 602468 to book.

Are you prepared for reductions in farm subsidy payments?

DEFRA funding is available for a free 1:1 consultation to review your current livestock business situation, understand what the changes mean and prepare for the future. Places are limited.



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Plan ahead for calf health

As we bask in glorious sunshine remember that autumn is just around the corner. Now is the time to think calf pneumonia prevention, don't wait until its too late. Treating your first case of pneumonia is your first loss of many—reduced welfare, growth rates, future yield and fertility are inevitable, even if you don't lose calves. Vaccination can also help in some circumstances but its important to address the 5 main factors contributing to calf disease:

- Humidity
- Temperature
- Air speed
- Hygiene
- Insufficient colostrum

⇒ Actions you can take now: improve drainage and ventilation, calculate space requirements, get calf jackets ready, reduce draughts at calf level and clean your buckets and teats. Every little action will have a benefit.

Break wormer & replacement sheep worming

Now is the time to consider using one of the new worming products to reduce the level of resistant worm eggs on pasture over winter. Zolvix and Startect should be used carefully to prevent resistant developing. It is advised that a strategic autumn dose will help clear out remaining lambs and reduce the shedding of eggs from worms which have survived in the gut resistant from whatever products have been used during the summer. This will reduce the population of overwintering resistant eggs on pasture. It is these overwintered eggs that initiate the challenge in spring in next year's crop of lambs.

Bought in replacement animals should also be drenched with one of these newer products to remove resistant worms from your new stock. This reduces the risk of introducing further resistance onto your pasture.

As the products are more expensive than white drench and should only be used strategically we can dispense Zolvix in the volumes you require.

Call if you want to discuss worming in sheep or cattle. Helen (our SQP) or one of the vets will be happy to help.

Pups looking for new homes.

2 x 12 week old spaniel bitches

Docked tails, fully vaccinated and ready to go.

Home bred on farm, working lines.

Contact Pete Holden on 07972028485



Preventing sheep abortion

Enzootic abortion and Toxoplasmosis are the most common preventable causes of abortion in sheep. Both are readily prevented by vaccination: Enzovax and Toxovax should be given at least 4 weeks and 3 weeks, respectively, prior to tups going in (no more than 4 months before). They can be given at the same time but its advisable not to give other vaccines or treatments at the same time. As they are live vaccines they should not be used closer to tups going in or during pregnancy.

If newly introduced ewes (hoggs, shearlings & purchased) are vaccinated on entry with Enzovax the risk of enzootic abortion remains low for at least 4 years, and with Toxovax for at least two lambing seasons.

We do have an alternative vaccine against enzootic abortion that can be used during pregnancy if you are in that situation—call for more details.

Enzovax has a meat withdrawal of 7 days and Toxovax of 42 days so sort your culls out first. Order now to ensure we have sufficient in stock for when you want to use it.

As with all causes of abortion it is advisable that the foetus, discharges, placenta and ewe are separated from the rest of the flock to prevent spread. Prompt investigation can determine the cause which can help determine if precautionary measures are appropriate to prevent further abortions.

If unsure about what abortion control you need please contact us to discuss. Subsidised testing is available for unvaccinated flocks to investigate the presence of antibodies, suggesting the flock may be at risk. Call for more details.

Introducing Laura Parkinson

Here's everything you need to know about our new vet,
Laura:

Favourite food: cottage pie

Favourite drink: glass of red or a G&T (but not on the
same night!)

When did I decide I wanted to be a vet? After watching my first cow caesarean, sat
on a bale of straw with my grandad, when I was about 5 or 6

Hidden talents: yet to be discovered haha!

Worst farm mishap: getting stuck in the proven trailer for ages because my sister
took the ladder away (on purpose!) and then also bending the brand new rake as I
tried to row up the hedge as well as the grass...think we'd better leave the rest..

If I wasn't a vet I'd probably be a doctor or historian.



Product updates

Tetradelta has been permanently discontinued. Please speak to a vet about
alternatives.

Recocam anti-inflammatory is temporarily out of stock, the interim replacement is
Rheumocam. Dose rate (1ml/40kg) and withdrawal (cattle meat 15d and milk 5d)
remain the same.

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