

Farm Newsletter

Castle Veterinary Group

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A Word From The Vet...Eyes, Eyes, Eyes



New Forest Eye is infectious keratoconjunctivitis and causes inflammation and reddening of the conjunctiva with varying degrees of clouding of the eye depending on severity and can develop to become pink. It affects both cattle and sheep and can be noticed when the eyes are watering and held closed in sunlight. Flies and adverse weather are risk factors associated with New Forest Eye.

Silage Eye is caused by *Listeria monocytogenes* which can be found in silage, in particular badly fermented silage or spoilt silage that has been open for a couple of days. This infection causes the cornea to go bluish-grey with white/yellow material built up within it. The eye is very sore and often held closed with tearing, a discharge may be present.

Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis (IBR) can cause watering eyes in cattle and is often accompanied by a snotty nose and occasional cough. These eyes are less likely to be inflamed or reddened and will be open. Diagnosis can be achieved with veterinary investigation including sampling with swabs and sending these away for testing at the laboratory. There are vaccines available for IBR which we are happy to discuss with you to work out the best option for your farm.

Foreign bodies and trauma are other causes of eye injuries which will affect one eye only. When looking at the eye it is important to check that there is no foreign body causing the problem.

Sally

What you can do



Prevention

- Keep up to date with fly prevention
- Avoid big-bale silage where possible
- Quarantine bought in animals

Treatment

- Topical eye cream
- Injection in the muscle or the eyelid

New Premises at Liskeard

We are pleased to announce that we will be opening another premises at Liskeard at the beginning of September. WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!

New Discussion Groups – Upcoming Meetings



DAIRY: Monday 14th August 7pm

*Antibiotic Usage Is Under Increased Scrutiny –
How Do You Compare To Others?*

Venue: Our Pennygillam Surgery

SHEEP: Thursday 28th September 11am

*First Flock Discussion Group Meeting: Ewe Nutrition
and Forage Sampling With Chris Lavis from Mole
Valley Farmers*

Venue: Newchurches Farm, St Stephens,
Launceston.

Courtesy of the Hutchings family



BEEF: Wednesday 6th September

Calf Pneumonia Before Housing

Venue: West Panson Farm, St Giles. NM

Courtesy of the Thorne family

*Please telephone the surgery on 01566 772371 to
book your place at any of our meetings*



We look forward to seeing you