

CASTLE VETERINARY GROUP
FARM NEWSLETTER December '15

Which flukicide, when?

For cattle that have been housed you can select an appropriate flukicide based on the stages of fluke it will treat. Fasinex and Endofluke will kill all stages, including the early immatures, so can be used from 2 weeks post-housing. Trodax and Closamectin target the immatures and adults so can be used from 7 weeks post-housing. Zanil will only kill the adults so must only be used from 12 weeks post-housing. Out-wintered cattle can be given a dose of Fasinex or Endofluke to treat all stages of fluke but be aware that flukicides have no persistent action and cattle can be re-infected almost immediately.

IMPORTANT: Only a small number of flukicides are licensed for use in dairy cattle. Please check the product label.

PD your Suckler Cows

5 weeks after the bull is taken out. Early results this year are very encouraging – some herds have had 100% in calf! So this could be the year to tighten your calving pattern by selling on later calving cows.

Bimectin Pour-On

Treat your beef herd against gutworms, lungworm, mange mites and lice in one easy pour-on. Meat withdrawal – 31 days. Please phone the surgery for our best price. If we are coming out TB testing we can bring products on Day 2.



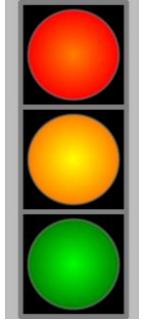
Look out for lungworm

If you notice an animal at pasture coughing at rest, bring in a dung sample for Sami to test in-house. Results take just 24 hours

Buying in Sheep?

Effective quarantine is essential:

1. Treat for worms (Startect or Zolvix), scab (Cydectin 2%) and fluke
2. Yard for 24-48hrs then turn out onto pasture recently grazed by sheep
3. Isolate from the home flock for at least 30 days



Calf Pneumonia

A new **pour on** product is available for the reduction of high temperature associated with calf pneumonia. Easy application of 1ml/15kg along the midline of the back

Please ask our vets if you think this product may be of interest to you.

Christmas Opening Hours

We will be open as normal on Thursday, 24th December (Christmas Eve). We will be **closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day, Sunday 27th December and Monday 28th December (Bank Holiday)** and will resume normal working hours on Tuesday, 29th December.

New Year Opening Hours

We will open as normal on Thursday 31st December (New Years Eve) but we will be **closed New Years Day** before opening again on Saturday, 2nd January, from when we will be open as usual until Easter!

24 Hour Emergency cover will be available over these holidays please phone 01566 772371 for assistance.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our clients a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

