

CASTLE VETERINARY GROUP

FARM NEWSLETTER February '16

Looking ahead to turnout

Getting your vaccines in before turnout will protect your stock as they approach a time of high disease risk.



We are offering a very **competitive cash price for BVD and Leptavoid H** taken together in equal number and multiples of 25 doses.

If paid by debit/cheque/BACS we can offer a price of **£3.80 Ex Vat** for a dose of BVD and Leptavoid combined.

Lungworm has been particularly prevalent this year due to the mild, wet conditions. **Huskvac** vaccination is strongly recommended for cattle approaching their first grazing season or naive animals e.g. purchased from the East of the country. Two doses should be given 4 weeks apart, with the 2nd dose administered at least 2 weeks before turnout. Immunity is maintained from season to season by the exposure to lungworm larvae when grazing pasture.

Halocur – New bigger pack

A 980ml pack of Halocur has become available which is double the size of the regular 490ml pack



TB Reactors

In the past, following the removal and slaughter of TB reactor animals the APHA would provide the practice with a letter detailing whether any lesions had been found.

This is no longer the case and it would be of considerable assistance if farmers would please advise us of the results when they receive one of these letters.

Compulsory microchipping of dogs from April 2016

This is to remind you that with effect from 6th April 2016 it is now compulsory by law to have all dogs, whether pets or working animals, microchipped for identification purposes.

If your dog is not microchipped and your owners details are not registered then please be aware that you could be liable for a fine of £500. Please ring the surgery to make an appointment for your dogs to be microchipped if you have not already done so.

To assist you during March it will be possible to arrange for your dogs to be microchipped at a reduced rate of £10 each (normally £16.50) when the vet is visiting your farm. This will need to be requested when booking the farm visit.

We will also be holding 3 “drop in” microchipping clinics on Wednesday 16th, 23rd & 31st March between 3 – 4 pm. No appointment is necessary and the reduced price will apply for these clinics only.

Good News!

Mamyzin is available once more for mastitis caused by Strep Uberis.



Which flukicide, when?



Cattle: More than 25% of bovine livers are condemned at slaughter because of liver fluke damage.

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. Zanicol 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.

Sheep: Poor scanning results can indicate a possible liver fluke problem. Chronic disease peaks at this time of year but be aware that sheep do not always present with 'bottle jaw'. If you are unsure whether to treat bring a dung sample to the surgery. Closantel and Nitroxynil can be used to treat fluke 7 weeks post infestation. After treatment sheep should be moved to clean pasture.

Herd/Flock Health Plans

Just a little reminder that if you have an inspection coming up requiring your health plan to be updated please book an appointment to sit down with the vet at the surgery.

Look out for lungworm

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

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. Phone for a price.

Lambing Live 2016 – Additional Date

A "Hands On" lambing course hosted by farm animal vets, Amy and Kelly, with the aim to give beginners a confidence boost as Easter approaches.

A wide range of lambing topics will be covered. This will be held at Homeleigh, Dutson, Launceston. PL15 9SP on Tuesday 16th February 6pm-8pm by kind permission of the Broad family. Only 6 places are still available so please ring the surgery on 01566 772371 as soon as possible to reserve your place.

Lambing Supplies Checklist

Here are the items you may need over the lambing period:

- Penicillin
- Rimadyl/Acticarp
- Dopram drops
- Iodine
- Scabivax
- Glucose
- Calciject No 6
- Ketosaid
- Spectam
- Engemycin spray
- Lambing aids
- Rubber rings
- Lubricant
- Gloves
- Lamb feeder tube
- Disinfectant
- Prolapse spoons
- Sheep halter
- Colostrum
