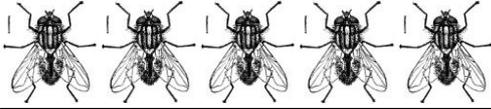


CASTLE VETERINARY GROUP
FARM NEWSLETTER JUNE '2016
Fly Treatment for Summer



It is important to keep on top of the increase in fly populations at this time of year.

Failure to adequately protect your livestock may have an adverse effect on both productivity and welfare resulting in reduced milk yields of up to 20%, increased incidence of summer mastitis and lower calf weights at weaning.

For sheep, a reduction in reproductive potential and a downgraded quality of wool clip are possible.

Regular monthly treatment is recommended throughout the fly season.

Starting treatment early before the fly population noticeably increases will maximise the success of any treatment.

A "Deltamethrin" product such as "Spotinor" will treat and prevent infestation by lice and flies in cattle, ticks, keds, lice and established blowfly strike in sheep and lice and ticks in lambs.



Spotinor can be ordered through the surgery in pack sizes from 250ml up to 2.5 litres to suit your needs, at competitive prices.

Please contact the surgery and we will be pleased to help you with your order.

Milk vs Fizzy Drinks

Sylvia Crocker one of our farm clients has taken on the supermarket "big boys" in support of our dairy farmers by asking the customer service team at our local Tesco Launceston store to offer 1 pint milk cartons alongside sandwiches as an alternative to fizzy drinks and fruit juices.

Sales of the 1 pint cartons have been doing well since they were placed in the "food to go chillers" two months ago. So far branches in Crediton, Tavistock, Roborough and Callington have followed suit and Sylvia has already approached Morrisons and Waitrose with this idea and would love to see this practice adopted by all supermarkets nationwide.

If you visit a supermarket where this idea is not in operation why not spare a few minutes to mention this to customer services and support our local dairy farmers.

Bluetongue Update

We believe that there is a high risk of bluetongue type 8 spreading into the UK towards the end of summer 2016, if infected midges are carried by the wind from France to the south east of England. The exact level of risk is difficult to predict because it depends on the level of disease in nearby areas of Europe, as well as the weather.

We will let you know when bluetongue vaccine becomes available. In the meantime more information is available using the links below.

Video 1 – Find out about the risk of Bluetongue spreading to the UK
<http://bit.ly/1T24Nfo>

Video 2 – How Bluetongue is transmitted and the clinical signs
<http://bit.ly/1rwWFKz>

Link to the Government website – Bluetongue is a notifiable disease. Find out what to do if you suspect a case
<http://bit.ly/1WdzthR>

New Product News

This month we are pleased to introduce several new products to our shelves which we hope will offer better value to our farming clients.

Some are straight replacements for familiar products and others are being introduced to offer you an increased product choice.

The new items are listed below together with the names of the products they replace.

New Product	Replaces
Betamox	Amoxyphen
Opticlox	Orbenin Eye tube
Betamox LA	Clamoxyl LA
Cefimam LC	Cobactan MC tubes
PerMacyl	Mamyzin

Additional Products

Bovaclox Xtra DC tubes

Multiject IMM LC tubes

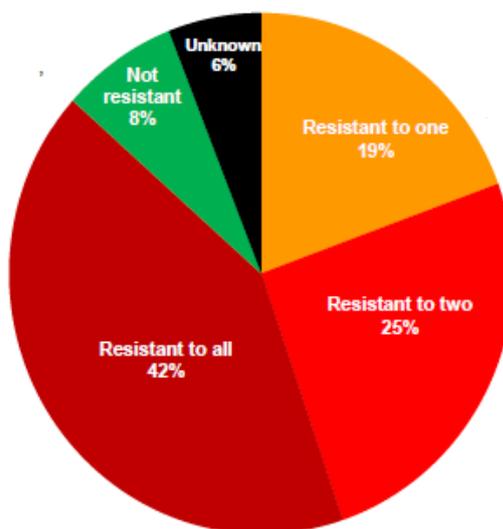
If you have any questions about these new products please ring the surgery and we will be pleased to assist you.



Worryingly high sheep wormer resistance in South West Area

This was highlighted in a study of 67 flocks undertaken 3 years ago which found that **42% showed triple resistance to Groups 1,2 and 3 wormers** (white benzamidazole, yellow levamisoles and clear ivermectin-type). A further 19% were resistant to 2 groups of wormer with 19% resistant to a single group.

With this increasing predisposition to resistance of the older wormer groups we need to carefully incorporate the use of Group 4 (Zolvix) and Group 5 (Startect) when planning future flock worming regimes.



The first step is to check your wormer is working. Jo and Sami can explain the best way to find out.

Nematodirus in Lambs

Young lambs on pasture that has been grazed by sheep in the last 12 months are at risk of Nematodirus worms. The Nematodirus larvae cause black scour and can lead to death. This can happen before eggs are shed in the faeces so you cannot rely on faecal egg counts alone. The larvae hibernate over winter and hatch when a cold spell is followed by temperatures above 10C. Farms with a history of Nematodirus should follow the forecast on the SCOPS website and treat with a white drench when larval hatching is predicted www.scops.org.uk

Grass Dairy Discussion Group

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd August at New Standon, Bridestowe EX20 4ET by kind permission of the Taylor family. New faces are always welcome.
