

CASTLE VETERINARY GROUP
FARM NEWSLETTER MAY '2016

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 & we will be pleased to assist you.



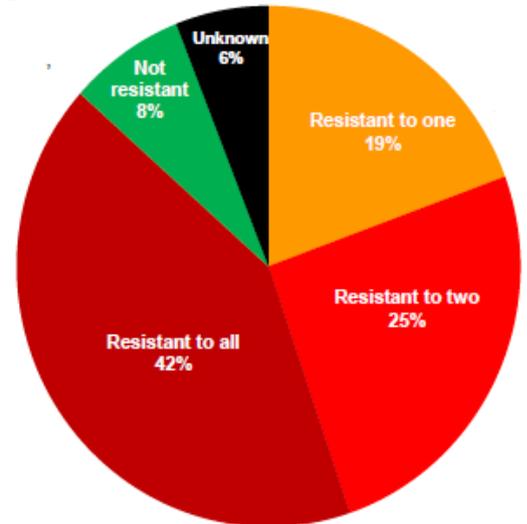
Worryingly high sheep wormer resistance in South West Area

This was highlighted in a study of 67 flocks undertaken 3 years ago which found that **42% showed triple resistance to Groups 1,2 & 3 wormers** (white benzamidazole, yellow levamisoles & 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) & Group 5

(Startect) when planning future flock worming regimes.



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

We will be holding a **“Poo and a Pint”** night later in the year when we can check for worms in your flock and give you some pointers-**watch this space!**

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.

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>

Bull Fertility Testing: Half the herd

Fertility testing bulls is now recognised
as a sensible precaution before turning
the bull in with the cows.

We recommend checking bulls 2
months before their intended use. This
gives you time to source and test a
replacement and still not upset your
future calving pattern.

For those of you fresh to the procedure
this is what we require

- A bull (or bulls)
- A crush capable of restraining the
bull and to allow safe access under
the belly of the bull for collection
of a sample
- A table or flat surface that can be
positioned close to the crush, out
of the wind so a microscope can be
set up for examination of the
sample.
- Electricity for the microscope.

We charge £93.58 ex vat for the first
bull tested and £70.78 ex vat for each
extra bull test on the same visit. If you
have a lot of bulls to test we can discuss
a half day or day rate.

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

Turnout

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** per
animal.

Fluke treatments in Spring/Summer

At this time of year animals at risk of
liver fluke should be given a flukicide
that targets the late immature and adult
stages to reduce the number of eggs
shed onto the pasture. This could
include Trodax or Zanil.

Drenches containing Triclabendazole,
such as Fasinex should be reserved for
the autumn when immature liver fluke
need to be targeted.

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

Neutering Cats

The Launceston Branch of Cats
Protection will be offering vouchers
towards the cost of neutering your cats.
This will reduce the owners
contribution to £5.00 and is available to
those on means tested benefits. Please
telephone Mary on 01566 773814 for
more information and to check if you
qualify.

Cat & Dog Vaccine Amnesty in May

During the month of May we will be
offering to restart cat and dog
vaccinations that have gone more than 3
months overdue for the price of a
regular booster.

Grass Dairy Discussion Group

The next meeting will be held on
Wednesday 8th June at Trebartha, North
Hill by kind permission of the Butter
family. New faces are always welcome.

May Bank Holiday Opening Hours

Monday 30th May – Closed
Please telephone 01566 772371 in an
emergency to reach the duty vet.