

Farm Newsletter

Castle Veterinary Group

May 2017

Welcome!

Following the decision by Luxstowe partners to cease farm animal work, we would like to extend a warm welcome to our new clients as well as three vets from Luxstowe; Richard, Eddy & Jess. We are excited to be growing the practice and aim to provide an excellent service for all our clients old and new.

A Word From The Vet...Johnes Prevention



Infection with Johnes occurs after ingestion of faeces or milk containing the bacteria
Test every **3 months** using individual milk samples when milk recording to identify high risk cows so that they can be managed differently.

High risk cow = any cow that has tested positive even if she tests negative next time.

Low risk cows = are those that have never had a positive result

High risk cows should either not be bred from or be bred to beef and calves should be reared for fattening and not become beef suckler cows! No replacements should be kept from Johnes positive cows. Calve high risk cows in a separate area to low risk cows. Only feed colostrum from low risk cows to your replacement heifers.

Johnes bacteria can survive on pasture for up to 12 months so if turning out youngstock to pasture it should not have had adult cattle grazing there or dung spread from adult cattle in the last few months.

Katherine

Johnes Facts



Infection occurs from 0-12m of age but susceptibility decreases with age.

Animals may not show signs of disease until adult cattle

Animals that are infected do not necessarily test positive as the disease is shed intermittently

Bought in animals can introduce disease so source from herds with a known low risk of Johnes

Summer is Coming...Preventing & Treating Flystrike

Most of you have probably seen the flies around already this season, time to think about treatments:

- Protect against flies on cattle for up to 10 weeks with Deltamethrin
- Prevent flystrike in sheep for up to 16 weeks with Dicyclanil
- Treat established flystrike with Deltamethrin

Using small steps now to keep fly numbers down can make a big impact on your stock's welfare later on in the season

Zolvix wormer & when to use it

Zolvix is a Group 4 sheep wormer which there is currently no known resistance to in this country. It must be used responsibly to reduce the risk of resistance occurring

Quarantine treatment – Buying in stock can introduce resistant worms onto your farm. Zolvix can be given as a quarantine drench when buying in stock to clear out all gutworms. Yard the animals for 24-48 hours after dosing, turn out onto dirty pasture and keep animals isolated from your own flock for at least 3 weeks whilst keeping a look out for any signs of disease. We are able to dispense down smaller quantities of wormer for individual animals or groups

Fattening lambs – Zolvix can also be used to treat fattening lambs that are close to finishing and has just a 7 day meat withdrawal.

Fertility Testing Bulls

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. We charge £93.58 ex vat, if you're doing more than one bull at a time the rate falls to £70.19 ex vat, please call the surgery to discuss equipment required and booking. If you have several bulls to test, we will charge by time taken.

Next GRASS Meeting

Date: Wednesday 31st May 11am – 3pm

Venue: Arrallas Farm, Ladock, Truro TR2 4NP

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New Faces Are Always Welcome, Please RSVP to 01566 772371

