

**CASTLE VETERINARY GROUP**  
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**Enzootic Abortion & Toxoplasmosis**

*Enzootic abortion* – you could lose up to 25% of your lambs

Vaccinate at least 4 weeks before the rams go in. Pack sizes – 50's and 20's



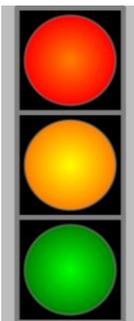
*Toxoplasmosis* - can cause barren ewes, abortions, stillbirths and weak lambs  
 We receive Toxovax deliveries weekly so please give as much notice as possible and bring a cool bag to collect  
 Be aware that the vaccine is very fragile and has a short shelf life of just 7-10 days



**Buying in Sheep this Autumn??**

Effective quarantine is essential:

1. Treat for worms (Startect or Zolvix), scab 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



**Lungworm Alert**

Lungworm disease peaks in September  
 Signs can start as an animal coughing following exercise then worsening to coughing at rest

Bring in a dung sample for Sami to test in-house. Results take just 24 hours

If lungworm is confirmed then prompt worming of the group is necessary with a Levamisole (yellow drench) or Ivermectin-type (clear drench)

**Liver Fluke**

Liver fluke relies upon mud snails (found in wet areas) for part of its life cycle and cannot survive without them.

Top tips for reducing the risk of liver fluke:

- ✓ Fix leaking water troughs
- ✓ Move feed troughs to avoid poaching
- ✓ Temporarily fence off poorly draining pasture
- ✓ Treat with the right product at the right time of year

**Triclabendazole (e.g. Fasinex)** is the drug of choice during the autumn as it is effective against all stages of fluke including early immatures

In the late winter/spring use **Closantel (e.g. Closamectin)** and in the late spring/summer use **Albendazole (e.g. Zanic)** to target the adult stage

**Bluetongue Vaccine**

Cattle and sheep bluetongue vaccines are now available to order for next day delivery

	<b>Dose</b>	<b>Repeat</b>	<b>Price</b>
<b>Cattle</b>	2ml in muscle	3 weeks later	£47.45 Ex Vat for 50 doses
<b>Sheep</b>	2ml under skin	3 weeks later	£40.60 Ex Vat for 50 doses