

CASTLE VETERINARY GROUP
FARM NEWSLETTER November '15

Liver Fluke Risk

In the Southwest this year there is a predicted high risk of liver fluke. Avoid poorly-draining pasture from now onwards.

Triclabendazole is the drug of choice at this time of year as it is effective against young immature flukes.

A repeat dose may be required 4-6 weeks later.

We stock **Endofluke** for beef cows or milking cows at drying off and **Fasinex** for sheep.

Later treatments could be Nitroxynil (e.g. Trodax), Closantel (e.g. Flukiver) or Oxyclosanide (e.g. Zanyl) as overuse of Triclabendazole could lead to resistance.

PD your Suckler Cows

5 weeks after the bull is taken out. Early results this year are very encouraging – some herds have had 100% in calf! So this could be the year to tighten your calving pattern by selling on later calving cows.

Bimectin Pour-On at Housing

Treat your beef herd against gutworms, lungworm, mange mites and lice in one easy pour-on. Meat withdrawal – 31 days. Please phone the surgery for our best price. If we are coming out TB testing we can bring products on Day 2.



Look out for lungworm

Lungworm disease peaks at this time of year. If you notice an animal at pasture coughing at rest, bring in a dung sample for Sami to test in-house. Results take just 24 hours

Pink Day 2015:

Raising money for Breast Cancer

We have been raising money throughout October for this great cause.

17th October was a Saturday night out with a difference when a group of us went to Boconnoc Park to take part in the 'Glow in the Park' run in the dark by torchlight.

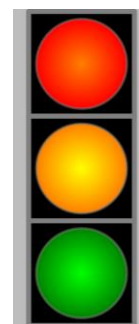
Friday 23rd October saw members of staff turning up in a myriad of pink attire. We all paid a small amount for the pleasure of wearing pink and those who didn't incurred a fine. Ali also brought in her delicious cakes to sell to staff.

We have also been donating our book sale money to the funds, and are thrilled to have made a grand total of £588.10

Buying in Sheep?

Effective quarantine is essential:

1. Treat for worms (Startect or Zolvix), scab (Cydectin 2%) 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



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

Please ask our vets if you think this product may be of interest to you.

Grass Meeting with Katherine Daniel

The next grass meeting will be on **Wednesday 11th November at Lower Town Farm, Latchley, Gunnislake, Cornwall. PL18 9AX by kind invitation of the Nattle Family.**

Grass meetings are a Dairy Co. funded initiative and lunch will be provided.

New faces are always welcome.

If you would like more information or would like to attend please contact the surgery on 01566 772371.