

CASTLE VETERINARY GROUP
FARM NEWSLETTER January '16

TB Reactors

In the past, following the removal and slaughter of TB reactor animals the APHA would provide the practice with a letter detailing whether any lesions had been found.

This is no longer the case and it would be of considerable assistance if farmers would please advise us of the results when they receive one of these letters.

Compulsory microchipping of dogs from April 2016

This is to remind you that with effect from 6th April 2016 it is now compulsory by law to have all dogs, whether pets or working animals, microchipped for identification purposes.

If your dog is not microchipped and your owners details are not registered then please be aware that you could be liable for a fine of £500. Please ring the surgery to make an appointment for your dogs to be microchipped if you have not already done so.

Good News!

Mamyzin is available once more.



Which flukicide, when?

For cattle that have been housed you can select an appropriate flukicide based on the stages of fluke it will treat. Fasinex and Endofluke will kill all stages, including the early immatures, so can be used from 2 weeks post-housing. Trodax and Closamectin target the immatures and adults so can be used from 7 weeks post-housing. Zanil will only kill the adults so must only be used from 12 weeks post-housing.

Out-wintered cattle can be given a dose of Fasinex or Endofluke to treat all stages of fluke but be aware that flukicides have no persistent action and cattle can be re-infected almost immediately.

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

South West Beef Event

'Improving the efficiency of your beef growing and finishing systems'

Trethorne Leisure Park, Kennards House, Launceston, PL15 8QE

Monday 25th January 2016 7pm-9:30pm

To book your FREE place ring the AHDB Beef & Lamb events office on 01904 771211 or email brp.events@ahdb.org.uk

Bimectin Pour-On

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

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

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. Phone for a price.

