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Spring 2025 Bluetongue Webinar – Recording Now Available

The recording of *Bluetongue Virus (BTV-3): Spring 2025 Update for Devon and Cornwall* by Castle Vets is now available to watch here:

<https://youtu.be/nHclaSkI2Wo>

Following identification of further cases of BTV-3 in February 2025, the restricted zone was extended into East Devon. Castle Vets Tim Bebbington and Lucy Giles ran a webinar for our clients, on February 24th, aiming to address concerns, raise awareness and encourage vaccination.

See the video ‘description’ to read some of the questions posed by the viewers of the webinar, as the live discussion was not recorded. Please note, this YouTube link is ‘unlisted’ meaning you need the link to watch it, you cannot search for it in YouTube or via Google.

This link has also been posted on our Facebook page. Feel free to ‘follow’ along for regular updates and future meetings: <https://www.facebook.com/cvglanson>.





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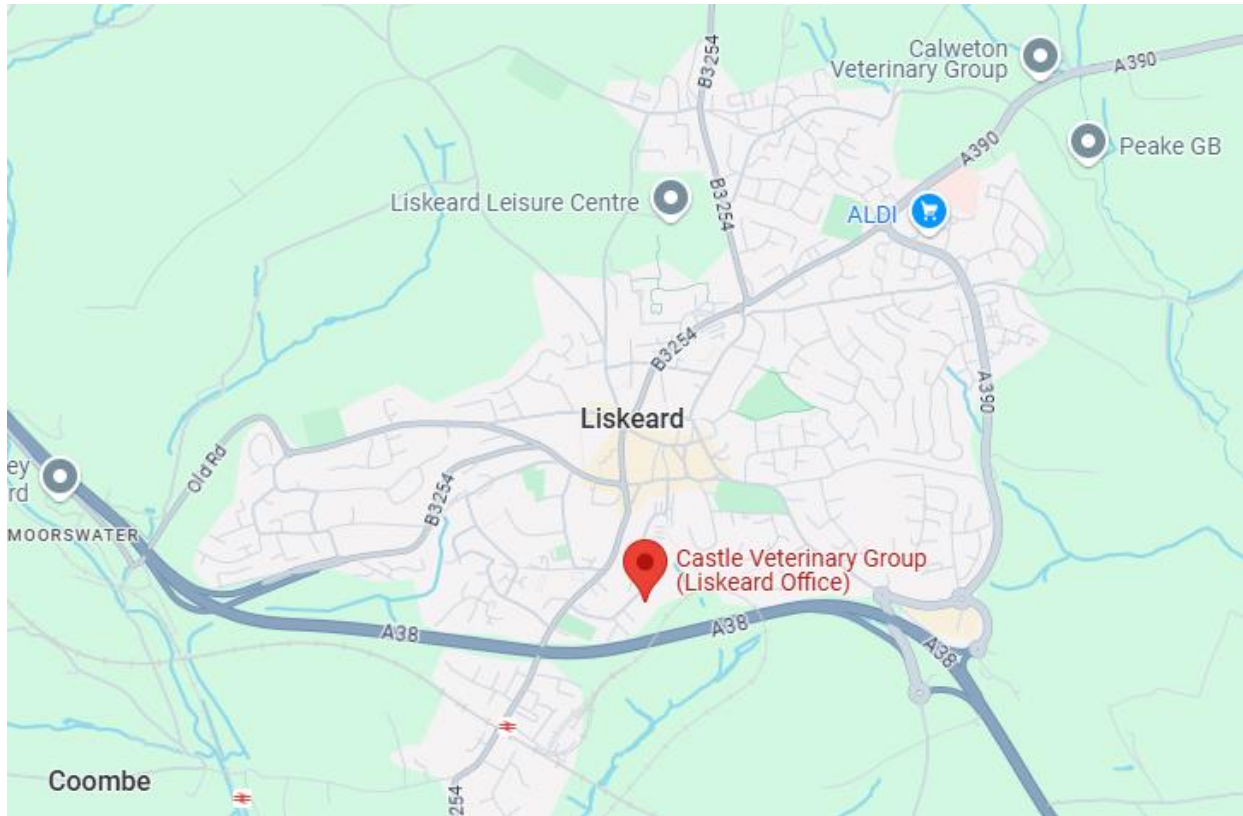
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Bluetongue small-holders vaccine drive

Castle Vets are holding a BTV-3 vaccine drive at our Liskeard branch on March 24th. As the smallest BTV-3 vaccine bottle is 50ml (50 doses, cash price £156 inc VAT) many of our clients have expressed a wish to split doses. Therefore, we are offering a vaccine day, when you can book 20-minute slots with one of our Nurses, Claire, at our Liskeard surgery.



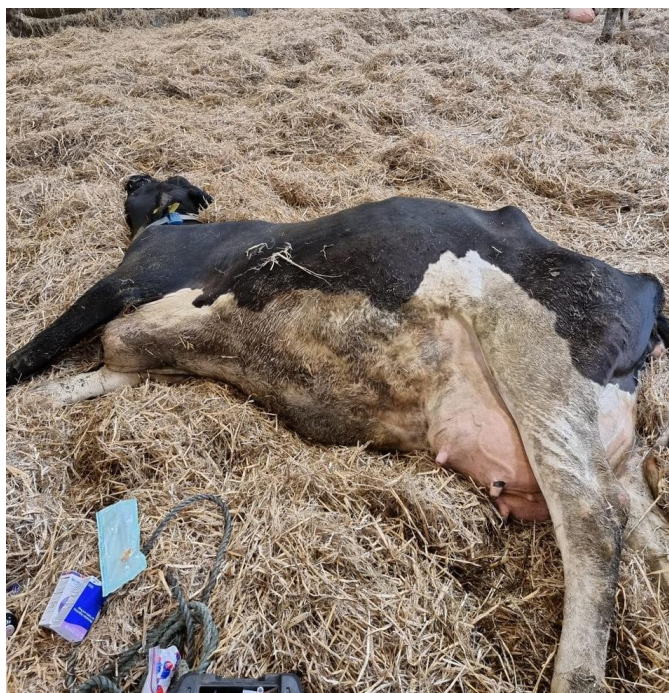
You will be invoiced the number of doses given (£4.50/dose inc VAT) plus a flat vaccine administration fee, covering time and consumables, of £36 (inc VAT).

Alpacas and goats require a second vaccination, three weeks later (Monday April 14th). Please book this in at the same time as your initial appointment, if needed.

Due to the nature of this disease outbreak, the government are keeping track of where the vaccine is used, and how much is being sold. Therefore, after your appointment, you will be given the vaccine batch details so you can fill out the compulsory APHA tracking form within 24hours.

Out-of-Hours Fees

As spring is well and truly upon us, we wanted to take the opportunity to clarify our out-of-hours charging. Our Launceston practice is open 0830-1230 on Saturday for medicines ordering and collection. We also have a receptionist on site during this time, should you wish to ring in and book a TB test or future, routine, appointment.



However, visits within these hours are now charged at our out-of-hours rate. This is due to increasing demand on our service- we only have two vets available to cover our whole practice area, and we need to make sure they are free to attend emergencies.

If you need medication prescribing and dispensing outside of working hours, our on-call vet can do this for you. Our emergency dispensing fee is £13.57 ex VAT.

Smallholders meeting – lambing + aftercare

Come and join vets Natelie and Lucy at 6pm, April 1st, at our Launceston practice to discuss all things lambing. Lamb aftercare is an often over-looked subject, and updating your knowledge could literally save lives! This will be a theory-based evening with lots of time for discussion and questions, alongside a handy take-away guide containing all the essential information you need at this time of year.

£25/farm, food included as ever – give us a call to book your space + see you there!

