

PURCHASING SHEEP - MV ACCREDITATION

For our clients who have purchased accredited sheep at the recent sales or anywhere else, we wanted to take the chance to **remind** you of the policy for adding MV accredited animals to an already accredited flock.

We recommend that all purchased accredited animals are tested at the time of purchase before they are added to an accredited flock and, as per the new rules introduced in 2019, all purchased accredited animals must be tested between 6 and 12 months after arrival on your holding. If you have any queries regarding this, please contact SAC St Boswells office at psghs@sruc.ac.uk or call 01835 822456

HIGH HOUSE PREMISES

OPENING HOURS
MON & WED
9:30AM - 1.00 PM

WE HAVE A GOOD STOCK OF WORMERS AND FLY PRODUCTS AVAILABLE & YOU CAN ALSO PICK UP PRE-ORDERED PRESCRIPTION MEDICINES.

PLEASE CALL AND SEE WHAT WE HAVE ON OFFER.

PURCHASING SHEEP - EAE VACCINE

It is important to vaccinate purchased sheep against the most common causes of abortion - Enzootic Abortion and Toxoplasma. However, as we get to the later sheep sales, there is often not enough time to vaccinate the sheep with our usual vaccine Cevac Chlamydia and leave the 4 week gap before tupping. If this is the case, there is an alternative vaccine **INMEVA**, which can be given **after tupping**. Two doses are required 3 weeks apart and an annual booster dose is required (or give them Cevac Chlamydia next year pre tupping). If you would like to know more about this vaccine please give us a call.



**PLEASE REMEMBER
TO PRE-ORDER
YOUR DRUGS 24 HRS
IN ADVANCE
OVER THE
TELEPHONE!
THANK YOU**

FARMING CONNECT CLINICS

Another round of funding has been approved for these clinics - so **ALL FARMS** in Wales are now eligible for another £250 for testing e.g trace element testing, worm egg counts, bull/ram fertility testing, post mortems, thin ewes, mastitis etc. etc. The only requirement is that the investigation must be a different problem if the farm has claimed previously. So please get in touch and take advantage of this generous scheme.



NEW AUTUMN FLUKE TREATMENT COMING SOON

Solantel Pour-On is a NEW product launching in Autumn 2021. It is a flukicide-only pour-on product containing Closantel from Norbrook the makers of Closamectin Pour-On. This innovative new product kills late immature and adult fluke including any triclabendazole resistant fluke. When given 7 weeks after housing, farmers can be sure that all fluke burdens will be cleared. This is suitable for all beef cattle and dairy youngstock. In second-season grazed dairy heifers, Solantel Pour-On can be used in all non-pregnant heifers and those still in the first half of pregnancy. With a 63 day meat withhold this conveniently fits in with those looking to finish cattle over the housed period. Being a flukicide only product this is as equally suitable for use on older breeding stock as well.



BE ALERT FOR AUTUMN NEMATODIROSIS

In the last week SAC have diagnosed Nematodirois in lambs from two flocks. In both cases many thousands of Nematodirus Battus worms were recovered from the small intestines. Scour and deaths due to Nematodirois are usually considered to be a problem of late spring and early summer, so may not be expected at this time of year. Autumn Nematodirois is not new, having first been reported in 1983, but may be increasing in incidence.

Indeed, results from research work carried out at Moredun have shown that on some farms, all Nematodirus eggs still required a 'chill' in order to hatch but, on others, the need for chilling was mixed, with up to 87% of Nematodirus eggs able to hatch without prior chilling. This means that a large number of eggs may hatch at different times of the year.

Nematodirus Battus worms are sensitive to UV light and larval numbers fall rapidly in the first month after hatching. The good summer weather this year suggests that the high burdens in the cases we have been seeing are likely to be the result of a recent hatch. Additionally, the affected lambs must have been naïve, having had little or no exposure to N Battus earlier in the year.

Fields where these scouring lambs have grazed will be high risk for Nematodirois in the future. It is believed that eggs passed in the autumn won't hatch the following spring as winter temperatures are too cold for development to the L3 stage. Instead, they will hatch in either 12 or 18 months - Autumn 2022 or Spring 2023 in these cases. When selecting a treatment, consider that concurrent infection with other worm species such as Teladorsagia or Trichostrongylus spp. will be common at this time of year, and that benzimidazole resistant N Battus have been identified, so a white drench would not be ideal at this time of year.

JOKE

The Bathtub Test

During a visit to my doctor, I asked him, "How do you determine whether to not an older person should be put in an old age home?"

"Well," he said, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person and ask them to empty the bathtub."...

"Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No" he said "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"



USK SHOW COMPETITION WINNER

WELL DONE TO DAN JONES, WE LOVED THIS PHOTO (WE WOULDN'T BE FARM VETS IF WE WEREN'T SWAYED BY THE SHEEP!!!) THERE'S A M&S HAMPER READY FOR YOU. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ENTERED, THERE WERE SOME GREAT PHOTOS TO CHOOSE FROM!! WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO ENTERED OUR RAFFLE. ALL THE PRIZE WINNERS HAVE NOW BEEN INFORMED. A WHOPPING £235.00 WAS RAISED FOR THREE FANTASTIC CHARITIES...THE DPJ FOUNDATION, THE FARMING COMMUNITY NETWORK AND RABI. WE HOPE YOU ALL ENJOYED THE KELSMOR DAIRY ICE CREAM!