



WENSUM VALLEY VETS NEWSLETTER

New Ovacyte Worm Egg Counting Machine

The practice has invested in a state-of-the-art worm egg counting machine which can identify all relevant species of worm present in sheep and cattle in the UK. This will allow us to target our treatment to groups most at risk of disease and diagnose the cause of problems such as diarrhoea, poor weight gain, weight loss and listlessness.



Smallholders Club

What is it?

Our Smallholders' Club has been set up to help our smallholder clients by creating discussion and community amongst Norfolk smallholders, saving them money on preventative healthcare and promoting good use of worm egg counts. Through regular talks and events we hope to educate, answer questions and promote discussion within the community.

What's included?

- Access to part bottles of medications
 - ✦ Clostridial vaccines (per dose)



- ◆ Wormers
- ◆ Fly treatments
- 4 worm egg counts per year
- Talks and Practical Demonstrations (at least 3 per year)
 - ◆ Including discussions with like-minded smallholders
- 15% Discount on 'young animal' procedures
 - ◆ Castrations, disbudding, vasectomies
- Unlimited, free phone advice

So far...

So far we have hosted an introductory talk welcoming smallholders into the club and discussing future topics over a fish and chips dinner! This popular event was well attended and a promising start to the club. Since then we have had a second talk on 'Lambing, Kidding and Breeding' which prompted lots of questions!

We have also organised our first vaccination sharing day, which was a great success! Clostridial vaccines must be used within 10hrs of the bottle being broached, however bottles are made for large commercial farms, so without sharing them between smallholders it can become uneconomic. The Smallholders' Club coordinated members to vaccinate on the same day, meaning they were only charged per dose and bottles could be split between smallholdings. This reduced vaccine wastage significantly and saved smallholders money, a huge success all round!

Upcoming events

On 20th May we have a Practical Medicines Handling Evening, which will include a talk and a practical on giving intramuscular and subcutaneous (under the skin) injections to a variety of species. This will be hosted at the Clinic (Wensum Valley Vets, Racecourse Drive, Dereham Road, Fakenham, NR21 7NA) and will start at 7pm.

How do I join?

You can join by emailing info@wensumvalleyvets.co.uk or calling the office on 01328 864444. Your first talk is free to attend as a non-member to learn more about what the club can offer you! To register for talks please contact the office, as above, to secure your place. Annual membership costs £60.

