

Leptospirosis in dogs



Leptospirosis is a bacteria that can infect dogs, causing liver and kidney failure. Unless it is caught early, and treated aggressively and intensively, Leptospirosis infections are often fatal.

Leptospira bacteria is shed in an infected animals urine, but can survive in water and soil for months. It then enters the dog via the mouth, nose or wounds. Leptospirosis is spread by several species, including rats and cattle and it can also infect humans (it is known as Weil's disease).

Dogs are infected by sniffing or licking an infected animal's urine, or water where infected animal's have urinated. Farm dogs have an increased risk because they often come into contact with rats, or areas of standing water where leptospirosis bacteria are commonly found.

Symptoms include lethargy, jaundice (yellow gums), vomiting, diarrhoea and difficulty breathing progressing to death.

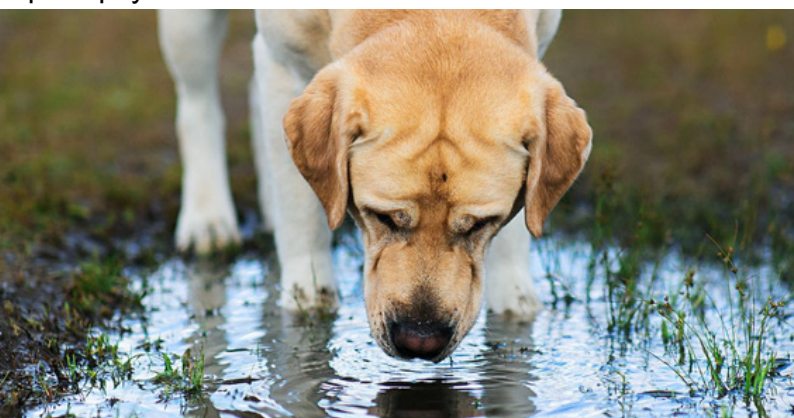
Dogs can die within 48hours of starting to show symptoms. If you are concerned your dog is showing symptoms, it is crucial to seek veterinary attention promptly.

As many of our farmer's dogs are inevitably high risk for catching Lepto, we are always mindful to remind clients to vaccinate their dogs against Leptospirosis. The vaccine 'Lepto 4' provides dogs with immunity against the 4 most common strains of Leptospirosis found in the UK.

A dog must first have a primary course consisting of two vaccines exactly 4 weeks apart. After this, a yearly booster must be done to maintain immunity. The vaccine is a combined vaccine and also provides immunity for Distemper, Parvovirus and Canine Hepatitis (other common infectious diseases of dogs).

We cannot stress the importance of vaccinating your valuable working dogs (and your much loved pet dogs) to protect them against this deadly disease.

In line with this message, for our farm clients at Glenthorne Vets, we are offering a discounted vaccine rate if the vaccines are given whilst we are out on farm, please speak to your vet or the Farm Office staff.



KEY PREVENTATIVE MEASURES:

- Vaccination – the best way to prevent infection
- Avoid stagnant water – don't let your dog swim or drink from stagnant ponds or puddles
- Keep away from rodents

Free Mycoplasma Screening*

Mycoplasma bovis causes several diseases in cattle including respiratory disease in calves, ear infections (otitis media) and can cause arthritis, mastitis and pneumonia in older animals. We are currently offering subsidised screening for our clients (*lab fees are free, but there would be a minimal charge for collection of the bloods). We recommend screening 5 animals aged 9-12 months old for evidence of exposure to Mycoplasma. This screening can also be carried out at the same time as a BVD youngstock screen (an ideal time to do this is at your TB test). If you would like to screen your herd for Mycoplasma please speak to one of the vets or phone the Farm Office for further information or to book.



SAVE THE DATE...



Wednesday 11th December
10am - 12:30pm

Fluke Workshop - introducing a new sheep-side fluke antibody test
by kind permission of Mr Simon Clarke of Dunstall Estate at Sprinks Barn Farm, DE13 8BG

Tuesday 17th December
from 7:30pm

Glenthorne Farm Vets Christmas Party at Doveridge Village Hall, DE6 5JQ

Thursday 30th January
7:30pm

No Pain More Gain - a look at the use of NSAIDs in dairy cattle
Venue TBC

Need help getting organised?

We have created a Charity Calendar for 2025.

It's full of lovely photos taken by our farm team. All profits are being split between the My Name's 5 Doddie foundation and Sands stillbirth & neonatal death charity - two charities that are very important to our team.

£10 (cash only please)

Available from the Farm Office

FEELING INTERROGATED?



The regulations around prescribing medicines are continually being reviewed. We are now required to record our reasons for prescribing every antibiotic dispensed and our records are audited by the RCVS.

When ordering medicines, you will be asked what species it is being used in (dairy / beef / sheep) and also what condition you are treating. A vet will then need to authorise your order before the office can dispense it.

Please don't be alarmed by the questions - we're just fulfilling our responsibilities as the prescribing vets.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Christmas Party

Tuesday **17** December

from 7:30pm
DOVERIDGE VILLAGE HALL
DE6 5JQ

Hog Roast, Licensed Bar, Mince Pies and Christmas Cheer!

Christmas & New Year Opening Hours

Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th Dec - Open as usual

Weds 25th Dec - Closed (out of hours service)

Thurs 26th Dec - Closed (out of hours service)

Friday 27th Dec - Open as usual

Sat 28th Dec - Main Building open 8.30am - 12.30pm (please pre-order)

Monday 30th & Tuesday 31st Dec - Open as usual

Weds 1st Jan - Closed (out of hours service)

Thurs 2nd Jan - Open as usual