



Happy Easter to you all from Kernow Farm and Equine! 2019 is well underway and plenty has been happening here at KFE! It has been a busy few months for the vets here with lambing season in full swing, courses and meetings taking place and much more being planned for the rest of the year!

### ANTIBIOTIC USAGE.....

Our large animal vet Scarlett Creasey has pledged to be an Antibiotic Guardian to Keep Antibiotics Working. Our actions protect antibiotics. Join me at [www.antibioticguardian.com](http://www.antibioticguardian.com)

With new Red Tractor guidelines on antibiotic usage, the farming industry is under ever growing pressure to reduce their use, especially antibiotics considered critically important for human medicine.

#### SO WHY ARE WE SO CONCERNED ABOUT ANTIBIOTIC OVERUSE?

It is predicted that without intervention global human deaths caused by Antibiotic-resistant bacteria could total 50 million people per year as we will no longer be able to treat the resistant infections. By reducing our current use of antibiotics in human medicine and veterinary practice, we can slow down the rate of resistance in these bugs, preserving antibiotic use for years to come. Guidelines are in place restricting the use of certain antibiotics considered critically important (CIAs). These drugs are essential in the treatment of resistant infections in human medicine. By reducing your use of antibiotics you will be helping protect antibiotics for future years, and will make your auditor happy! If you are at all concerned with how much antibiotic you are using or wish to discuss this further then please do give us a call. As a farmer you can also become an Antibiotic Guardian by following the link above.

Sources: World Health Organisation, antibioticguardian.com, www.gov.uk



### LAMBING WORKSHOPS

The first two lambing workshops have been a great success.....Here's what some of our attendees had to say....

"Fun and practical, lots learnt!"

"Good course material, knowledgeable vets."

"Great lambing seminar, I cannot rate the tuition highly enough." **Next Lambing Workshop October 16th 10am-2pm.**

**KERNOW FARM & EQUINE**

**FLOCK HEALTH SCHEME**

**SHEEP MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 12TH JUNE 2019 12:00 - 14:00**  
 AT OUR WOODS BROWNING OFFICE, BODMIN, PL31 1DQ

**LAMB GROWTH WORKSHOP**

COME ALONG FOR A COMPREHENSIVE WORKSHOP COVERING:

- MAXIMISING LAMB GROWTH
- HITTING EARLY MARKET
- NUTRITION/TRACE ELEMENTS
- PARASITES

SUITABLE FOR BOTH NOVICE AND EXPERIENCED SHEPHERDS REFRESH AND UPDATE YOUR KNOWLEDGE

LUNCH AND REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

MEETING IS FREE

PLEASE RSVP ON 01208 76403 TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE

Please do not hesitate to call us on 01208 76403. Office hours 8.30am-5.30pm Mon-Fri and 8.30am-12pm Saturday and we have vets available 24 hours a day.



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### BVD Stamp It Out....The next step.

We are in the process of arranging the next step for those farmers already enrolled on the BVD Stamp It Out scheme, and have already had some testing and herd status's established. As a reminder, the first 1:1 on-farm visit allows the vet to establish the individual herd risks and herd setup and then take the relevant samples included in the scheme. Once completed, and armed with results we will then arrange the second 1:1 on-farm visit to complete a farm-specific BVD plan.

We will be contacting those farmers already enrolled soon to arrange the first visit and testing.

We will be running more enrolment meetings in the coming months, so if you are interested in FREE testing for BVD please give us a call to book a place.

### **\*\*TB REMINDER\*\***

Please ensure that you take time to read any letters from APHA re TB to ensure that there is no confusion over restrictions. Also if you have been under restriction remember to return the cleansing and disinfection notice.

Inconclusive reactors identified after November 2017 cannot be sold to other farms. It is best practice to make a note on their passport to avoid mistakes. See the TB Hub for more details on licenses. [www.tbhub.co.uk](http://www.tbhub.co.uk) has lots of information about protecting your herd and a link to the ibTB Service a useful interactive map which help inform you about the risks of buying in animals from other areas.

APHA are going to introduce statutory 6 month testing for non-restricted herds in the high risk area in 2020, this was planned for 2018 but has been delayed. If you are a herd with a low risk of TB or are already a member of CHECS for other diseases like BVD, Johnes, IBR etc. then this could be a useful add on. There is an annual fee and there are certain biosecurity measures like preventing nose to nose contact with cattle of a lower status over fences/walls. You will also need a specific Tb section of your health plan. Purchased animals would also have to be post movement tested.

Another benefit of this is that if you join and become accredited and subsequently have a breakdown then you would be paid 100% of the value of animals purchased whilst you were under restriction.

The Premium Cattle Health Scheme and HiHealth Herdcare have TB in their schemes. Please see [www.checs.co.uk](http://www.checs.co.uk)



### **FUNDING AVAILABLE TO STAMP OUT BVD!**

BVD Stamp It Out is an EU-funded campaign providing FREE information and investigation of BVD for all cattle breeders across England. This scheme has funding for the following:

- 2 vet visits
- Vet Time to investigate disease status and risks (including a limited budget specifically for testing)
- Farm-specific BVD control plan
- 2 informative farmer group meetings

**So what do you have to do to get access to the funding for FREE vet visits and on farm testing?**

**FUNDING IS ONLY AVAILABLE UNTIL 2020 SO SIGN UP TO SECURE YOURS!**

**We will be running meetings throughout the year to enable farms to sign up.**

**Call Kernow Farm and Equine on 01208 76403 to enquire about our next meeting if you are interested in making the first step in gaining funding to help you STAMP OUT BVD on your farm.**

### **OUR CHOSEN CHARITY OF THE YEAR**

This year KFE have chosen Bodmin Moor Pony Rehabilitation as our charity of the year. We will be fundraising for the next 12 months to help support this cause. If any of you have any unwanted gifts that we can use for raffle prizes or have any services that you can offer to help we would really appreciate it. Equally should anyone wish to make a donation we will have a collection pot here at KFE. BMPR is a small equine rescue, rehabilitation & rehoming charity based in Bodmin that was established in 2014 to help abandoned and neglected semi feral moorland hill ponies from the South West & more recently fly grazed cobs from across the U.K. A small 100% voluntarily run registered charity, BMPR provides a second chance at life to equines in need by way of health & nutritional support & trust based training to give the ponies that enter their care the foundations to ultimately become wonderful family companions, riding ponies or best friends.



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