



FARM NEWSLETTER JULY 2019

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It was lovely to see so many of you at this year's Royal Cornwall Show, again this year we were there as the official show vet and had a busy few days. Thank you to those who donated to our 2019 chosen charity entering our raffle, the winners have been contacted.



RAM MOT

It's already the time of year to be thinking about tups! Rams work very hard for a relatively short period of the year, so it's essential to get them in tip top health for the mating season. Ten weeks prior to tugging is the ideal time to health and fertility test a ram, this allows enough time to correct any health problems or to source a replacement if needed.

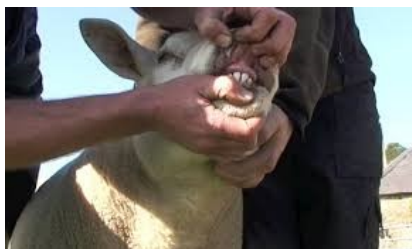
We start with the 5 T's

- **Toes** - How does he move and is there any lameness or arthritis?
- **Teeth** - Is there good teeth alignment, a broken mouth or any abscess's or defects that could stop him from eating?
- **Testicle** - Uniform texture with no lumps or bumps, an adequate diameter and hang a normal distance from the body
- **Tone** - A body condition score of 3.5-4.0 allows him to have enough energy for the strenuous mating season
- **Treat** - Ensure he has been included in preventative care protocols, including vaccination, worming and foot-bathing

Last year the rams suffered through a lot of hot weather and this was a potential contributing factor for anyone who recorded lower lambing rates. Sperm takes 2 months to mature in the testicles. If the ram suffers high temperatures or fever during this time, the developing sperm can be damaged. The resulting infertility may take some time to resolve.

If you are worried about your ram's fertility, our vets can perform a breeding soundness exam. This involves a full physical examination and a semen assessment, just as we can do for a bull.

For more information, please contact a member of the team.



Please do not hesitate to call us on 01208 76403. Office hours 8.30am-5-30pm Mon-Fri and 8.30am-12pm Saturday. Emergency vets available 24/7.



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WEDNESDAY 24TH JULY 2019 7PM
UNIT 1&2 WOODS BROWNING IND EST, BODMIN, PL31 1DQ

LAMENESS IN DAIRY COWS

Talk by:
AMY JONES BVSc MRCVS & SCARLETT CREASEY BVetMed MRCVS

COME ALONG FOR A COMPREHENSIVE WORKSHOP COVERING:

- MOBILITY SCORING
- DIGITAL DERMATITIS
- COW COMFORT

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED
FREE

PLEASE RSVP ON 01208 76403 TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE

****TB CORNER****

As of mid July we will be offering TB Tests every other week on a Wednesday-Saturday. This will be with vet Stefan Gheorghes and is on a first come first served basis. This is subject to change and will be for full day testing only.

Liskeard Show

We will attending Liskeard Show again this year alongside the small animal team from Ellis Vets. Please come and see us for a beer and a chat!

****REMINDER TO USE YOUR FLY PREVENTIONS AND TREATMENTS****

We're now well into this year's fly season in some areas but other areas are only just seeing them. As well as being a nuisance and upsetting both us and the animals, flies can cause or carry some serious diseases in both cattle and sheep. This is just a reminder to everyone to use your fly preventions or treatments to avoid flies causing or spreading disease. Please contact us if you want to discuss this with your vet.

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