



COVID -19

It is indeed strange times we are in at the moment and we trust you are all safe and well. We are missing having chats with our clients at reception when you come in to collect drugs. Vets are working from home so this means that you may have to wait for a vet to call you back but to keep our vets and staff safe, this is essential so we can continue to provide ongoing care.

REMINDER - Please use 01208 76403 in the first instance, as we have reduced the days that our small animal branches are open you will be transferred to the out of hours answering service instead. Our opening hours have remained unchanged. The temporary closure of our small animal branches on set days and changes to our internal courier routes means that drug collection times are different, please check when ordering.

PROBLEMS TO WATCH OUT FOR

GRASS STAGGERS- HYPOMAGNESAEMIA-GRASS TETANY

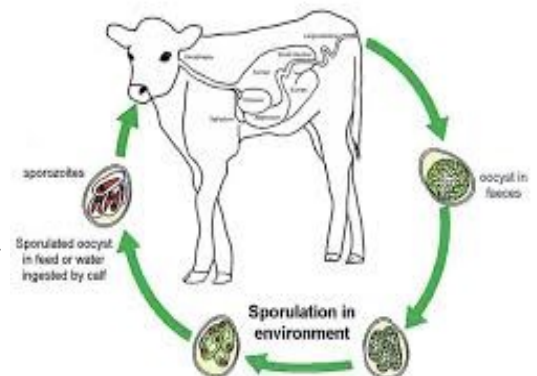
This is caused by low blood levels of magnesium and can present as sudden death. Animals have no stores of magnesium so need to ingest magnesium from their diet. Lush spring grass passes through quickly so less magnesium can be absorbed. Older animals are more at risk too. Often commercial diets have added magnesium at this time of year. Other options are magnesium boluses, high mag licks or adding magnesium chloride to water troughs.

CLOSTRIDIAL DISEASES

This group of bacterial diseases includes black leg, tetanus, blacks disease, pulpy kidney etc. Vaccines can be used to protect new born lambs through their colostrum which will last approximately 3 weeks if the ewes are vaccinated correctly. After this time lambs need to receive vaccines to protect them, ensuring a Pasteurella component will also reduce losses due to Pasteurella too. This year the labs are reporting lots of Pasteurella issues due to stress from fluctuations in temperatures. For cattle ensure animals are correctly vaccinated prior to the risk period; we have seen cases in yarded cattle too over the winter.

COCCIDIOSIS AND WORMS

Remember we can do worm and cocci counts in house. However not all cocci that we identify are capable of causing disease. So we may need to send off for speciation, this takes several days but in a group situation could save the cost of expensive treatments. Remember there is no cross protection between different pathogenic species. Coccidiosis will cause scours, poor growth rates, fleece or coat changes and increased risk of other diseases. If you have any concerns re lungworm or fluke then we need to send off to external labs.



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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CALF PNEUMONIA

Did you have issues with calf pneumonia over the winter, remember we can blood test recovered calves that are now 5 months of age to monitor for exposure to common pneumonia causing viruses and mycoplasma bovis. Based on the results we can help to implement a vaccination strategy to protect you calves in the future.

CALF SCOURS

There are many reasons calves get scours, some of these causes (Rotavirus, Coronavirus and K99 E.coli) can be reduced by vaccination of the cows 3-13 weeks before calving, this vaccine boosts antibody levels within the colostrum. It is important that calves receive adequate colostrum, also check that cows udders are clean, they are on a good diet and that other calves and cows can't suck them before calving. We can check calf scour samples for the causes above and cryptosporidia. If we have concerns regarding Salmonella then we need to send off to the lab. First line treatment would be oral rehydration to correct fluid losses please make sure these are used according to instructions, and then specific treatments depending on the cause we may send samples off for culture and sensitivity to check if antibiotics are needed, and if so which ones are likely to be most effective.

IMPORTANT CHANGE TO DRUG WITHDRAWAL OF ALAMYCIN LA



Cattle—meat and offal 41 days/milk 8 days

Sheep –meat and offal 24days/milk 7 days

Pigs—meat and offal 20 days

Betamox La should be in stock soon but in the meantime we have two replacements available

Bimoxcyl LA licenced in cattle

Clamoxcyl LA—licenced in sheep

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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