

Just a reminder to order your sheep hormones and sponges asap as supplies are challenging this year.



Getting ready for Topping?



Special Offer
£70 for the first,
£50 for any
subsequent ones

Tup Fertility Testing - Why test?

Fertile tups get -

- 1) More ewes in lamb
- 2) Tighter lambing period
- 3) Improved efficiency

Every tup should be tested every year, approx 2 months prior to topping.

Tup Vasectomies - Why use a teaser?

- 1) Tighter lambing pattern
- 2) Earlier lambing season
- 3) Higher twinning rate.

When? - At least 6 weeks prior to use. 12-14 days pre topping

To book a test or vasectomy please call 01539 722692 or 015242 71221



PRACTICE NEWS

KENDAL ○ KIRKBY LONSDALE ○ ULVERSTON

August 2021

Westmorland County Show

The Westmorland County Agricultural Society recently announced that this years show will be held over two days, on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th September. This is the first time that the event will be a two day event. This is entirely due to the pandemic and their commitment to keeping everyone as safe as possible. Assuming the covid goal posts don't change we look forward to welcoming you in the Westmorland Vets tent for a brew and chat. Lets hope the sun shines!



What an fantastic achievement - Becky Howard one of our farm team vets completed the Bob Graham.

Although she managed 65 miles with 27,000 ft of elevation in 20 hours and 20 minutes she didn't finish the pint at the end! She did however manage a well deserved double ice cream the next day. Well done and congratulations Becky- amazing!



Kendal Surgery

Monday to Friday 8.30am—7.00pm
Saturday 8.30am-12noon
Tel:01539 722692

Kirkby Lonsdale Surgery

Monday & Thursday 8.30am-7.00pm
Tuesday 8.30am-6.00pm
Wednesday & Friday 8.30am-5.00pm
Saturday 8.30am-12 noon
Tel:015242 71221

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Malignant Catarrhal Fever

We have seen a few cases of malignant catarrhal fever in cattle recently, and although the disease is not that common, it is worth keeping in mind for cows in contact with sheep. Malignant catarrhal fever is a frequently fatal disease of cattle. The causative virus (ovine herpes virus 2) is carried by sheep and deer without causing disease but can be spread from the silently infected animals to cattle where it causes severe disease. Fairly close contact between susceptible animals and sheep is necessary for spread of disease. The virus does not spread between cattle. The virus may take anywhere from 9 to 200 days from infection to development of clinical signs in the host animal.



Clinical Signs

- Sudden death
- Fever
- Watery discharge from eyes and nose, which may become thicker and yellow
- Ulcerated and/or necrotic mucous membranes and skin
- Corneal opacity starting at the rim of the cornea and moving inwards
- Inappetite
- Hypersalivation
- Horn and hoof covering may become loosened and fall away from the underlying skin
- Swollen joints
- Reduced milk yield
- Neurological signs e.g. lowered pain threshold, head pressing, poor coordination, etc.

Diagnosis

Diagnosis is based upon clinical signs and confirmed by demonstration of MCF virus/antibodies and/or characteristic post mortem findings. Epithelial surfaces are haemorrhagic and/or ulcerative. Treatment is often unsuccessful and the prognosis is poor. The disease is fatal in almost all animals that show clinical signs. We therefore recommend that affected cattle are euthanased immediately for welfare reasons. There are not currently any vaccines for malignant catarrhal fever. Control relies on avoiding contact with sheep but such management is not always possible on most mixed stock farms.

Rebecca Howard



FAMILY FARM FUN DAY



Join us for family rounders and afternoon tea on the 28th August, 12.30pm at the Kirkby practice

Lots of fun and food.
Please give numbers to Bridget on
01539 722692