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Staff news

We are delighted to welcome Alice Wilkinson to the team. Alice qualified from Bristol this summer after gaining experience seeing practice with vets in several continents. She replaces Drew who left us in August and is very keen in the practical as well as the herd health aspect of farm animal practice.

Closamectin Pour-On – the first and only pour-on fluke and worm treatment!

It took years of engineering to build a molecule that kills Fluke as well as passing through a bovine skin, and now it's here! Closamectin Pour-On contains Ivermectin and Closantel, two well known anti-parasitics for worm and fluke control. Ideal and convenient as housing treatment for non-lactating cattle in herds with fluke. It can also be used for dry cows at least 60 days before calving.

After the third consecutive wet summer, fluke forecasts predict an increase, so it's worth testing for it. At this time of the year blood samples are more reliable than dung samples, as the latter only find fluke 8-12 weeks after infection.

A leaflet is enclosed.

Cell count testing

We are now in possession of a Delaval cell count testing machine which will give an instant read out of cell counts. We would envisage using this as part of our cell count control programme and it will be available for all to use. All we will require is a fresh sample from the cow and results will be available within 2 minutes of testing. We are always interested as to when, after treatment, the cell count has fallen enough for the milk to go back into the tank, so hopefully with strategic sampling we will be able to give an accurate guide as to when this may be achieved. The cost per sample will be £2.00

We would also hope to utilise this equipment with the DAIRY CO mastitis plan.

Lameness workshops

We hope to run our first lameness workshop soon so anyone interested please let us know. We would envisage that these will take the format of a brief theory session and then an on-farm practical session.

If you would like to host a session then please let us know. We would like a total of 5 or 6 people for each workshop.

Kling-On Blue foot bath

Still regarding lameness, we have recommended it before and an increasing number of dairy farms (and even sheep farmers) are using Kling-On Blue footbath and we have had excellent feedback. As the name suggests, it sticks to the feet giving it a long acting activity, requiring less frequent footbathing.

While for conventional footbaths (formalin, copper sulphate), a frequency of 3-7 days a week is recommended in housed cattle, Kling-On Blue only has to be used once every one or two weeks.

Eprinex Pour-On

Farmer offer Autumn 2009

Cashback: £25 on a 5 litre pack

£10 on a 2.5 litre pack

For all purchases of appropriate size packs from 1st September until 30th November. You will have to complete cashback form and send pack barcodes to a freepost address on the voucher. With multiple purchases only one voucher is required but you have to send all the barcodes. Ring us for an up-to-date, competitive price.

Bull Fertility testing

If you are relying on a bull to get your cows in calf, as a sweeper, or just on your heifers we strongly recommend having him fertility tested before use. We have the equipment to obtain a semen sample from bulls, enabling us to assess their fertility (both a physical examination and microscopic examination of semen). Finding out a bull is infertile before he is used can save you ££££'s. The cost of this service is only £60 per bull.

NML Disease testing

Some of you have carried out disease testing via NML, and in some cases we have not received the results. For this reason we enclose a consent form to include disease testing. PLEASE SEND/FAX IT BACK TO US, NOT NMR. We can now also get access to your weekly tank recordings which can be an advantage during a problem.