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## BVD – Stamp It Out

All of our beef and dairy clients should have received an invitation to an enrolment meeting for BVD Stamp It Out. This is a campaign to help eradicate BVD in England and a significant amount of funding is available to farms that enrol, to cover vet visits and disease testing.



As a reminder, the meetings are being held on the following dates and locations:

Donhead St Mary Village Hall, SP7 9DQ	Wednesday 14th November 12.30 to 13:30
Wimborne St Giles Village Hall, BH21 5LZ	Thursday 15th November 19.30 to 20.30
Pimperne Village Hall, DT11 8UZ	Thursday 22nd November 12.30 to 13.30
Stourpaine Village Hall, DT11 8TJ	Thursday 22nd November 19.30 to 20.30
Stoborough Village Hall, BH20 5AJ	Wednesday 28th November 12.30 to 13.30

Hot pasties and beers / driving-friendly drinks will be provided. If you are interested in coming along please could you let us know which meeting you would like to attend, either by replying to this email or ringing us on 01258 452626, so we can plan catering and provisionally secure funding for your farm.

*“But I already vaccinate for BVD and/or test regularly for BVD with negative results, so is there any point in me coming along to the meeting and accessing the funding?”*

YES – We still see BVD breakdowns from time to time in herds that vaccinate, perform regular testing and appear to have good biosecurity. This scheme therefore offers a funded opportunity to revisit your BVD control strategy and perform additional testing / claim back testing costs you’ve already incurred. Plus you get a free pasty and beer!



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## Liver Fluke Risk

Liver fluke burden on pasture is expected to be lower than last year due to the dry summer, but there will be huge variation between regions and farms. Cases may also occur later than normal so it is important to remain vigilant through autumn and winter. In a dry year, infective stages will still be found around permanently wet areas such as drinking points, so it is important to do individual farm risk assessment, and monitor and test for the presence of fluke. Please contact us for advice on fluke detection and treatment.



Typical mud snail habitat where liver fluke will be present

## Alpaca Evening Success

Thank you to all our clients who joined us for the alpaca evening with camelid specialist Claire Whitehead in October. It was great to see so many of you and have some good discussions about routine health and management. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any further questions. The vets also spent the afternoon training and benefitting from Claire's experience. Special thanks go to Longthorns Farm for hosting us all!

We have got our new faecal egg count test (the Modified Stoll's technique) up and running so we are now pleased to be able to offer you the more accurate egg count analysis.



## Alternative Cattle Lepto Vaccine: Spirovac



Due to availability issues with our usual leptospirosis vaccine 'Leptavoid H', we will be supplying 'Spirovac' instead. This is essentially the same vaccine but marketed by a different drug company. The two vaccines are interchangeable so animals that have been previously vaccinated with Leptavoid H can be boosted with Spirovac.

## Medicines Meeting in the New year

In the new year we will be holding a meeting on the use of medicines on farm. This will include:

- responsible use of antibiotics and wormers to minimise development of resistance
- correct storage and disposal
- administration of injections and oral medications
- record keeping

Attendance at this course **will fulfil the Red Tractor recommendation** for at least one member of the farm staff to undertake training in the handling and administration of medicines. We will award certificates following attendance at the meeting and demonstration (or previous knowledge) of competency at carrying out techniques on farm.

We are just finalising arrangements for this meeting - watch this space for the date and location coming soon!



## PRID Delta / CIDR for cattle fertility

You may have seen us using 'PRID Delta' as an alternative to CIDR – these are both intravaginal progesterone releasing devices. These are similar products from different drug companies and can both be used on farm for treating anoestrus or cystic cows, as well as synchronising groups of cows or heifers.

