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## Upcoming Meetings

### “Responsible Parasite Control in Cattle”

- Lungworm, Liver Fluke, Gutworms, Lice, Mites & Flies
  - Applicable to both Dairy & Beef systems

**7pm Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Longthorns Farm, near Bere Regis, BH20 6HH (next to Monkey World)**

£10 per person to help cover venue hire & food (can put on farm account)

Hot buffet & bar to follow talk

**Please RSVP by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December to help us plan the catering.**

“Responsible Parasite Control in Sheep” to follow after New Year –  
Date & Venue TBC

### “TB Update Meeting”

- Update on current TB rules & regulations
  - New gamma interferon blood testing & it’s implications
  - Proposed future eradication measures (e.g. cattle vaccination)
  - Biosecurity measures to help protect your herd from TB

**7pm Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January - The Brewery Visitor Centre, Blandford Forum, DT11 9LS**

Free hot buffet to follow - **Please RSVP by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January.**

# New Products & Product Changes

## Anti-inflammatories

We, as a Practice, try to provide quality drugs at the most competitive prices. We have been looking at our anti-inflammatory range of products and have been able to negotiate a better “deal” with other drug companies. As a result there will be some unfamiliar names of products which we have decided to stock, but at a cost benefit to you:



Metacam will be replaced with Loxicom: same active ingredient, dose rate & withhold times as Metacam but 15% cheaper.

Loxicom is available in 50ml, 100ml or 250ml bottles.

Ketofen will be replaced by Dinalgen: same active ingredient, shorter meat withhold, still nil milk withhold, lower dose volume (price per bottle is higher but more treatments per bottle; overall 10% cheaper).

As many of you like to keep a 250ml bottle of Ketofen for use in post-calving treatment of heifers we will continue to stock this size, as Dinalgen is only available in 100ml bottles.



Finadyne will be replaced by Allevinix: Most of you will be familiar with this product as it has been on our shelves for some time. Same active ingredient, slightly different withhold times (see table below), same price, advantage is that Allevinix is licensed to be given I/M as well as I/V (Finadyne is only licensed to be given IV).

Carprieve is a newer brand of anti-inflammatory (like Loxicom/Metacam) which targets inflammatory tissues more selectively than Dinalgen/Ketofen. It therefore has fewer potential gastrointestinal side-effects than Dinalgen/Ketofen, but like all anti-inflammatory drugs it can still cause renal impairment if overdosed so accurate dosing is still important.

Like Dinalgen it also has nil milk withhold, but has 21 day meat withhold, only comes in 50ml bottles, and is 30% more expensive per dose than Dinalgen.



Current Drug	Replacement Drug	Dosage of replacement	Milk withhold	Meat withhold
Metacam	Loxicom	2.5ml per 100kg S/C or I/V	5 days	15 days
Ketofen 10%	Dinalgen	1ml per 50kg I/M or I/V	Nil	2 days
Finadyne	Allevinix	2ml per 50kg I/M or I/V	24h I/V, 36h I/M	10d I/V, 31d I/M
	Carprieve	1ml per 35kg S/C or I/V	Nil	21 days



## Liver Fluke & Lungworm

September saw much higher than average rainfall this year which has led to several farms seeing lungworm disease (“husk”) during late grazing & following housing. NADIS have also raised the liver fluke risk level for the south west following the wet conditions.



Whether you intend to outwinter cattle or have/are housing them, now is the time to consider testing and if necessary treating for these two diseases: Please contact us for advice on the most effective & responsible treatment & control strategies for these two diseases.



## Staff News

### Goodbye Alice Wilkinson

After 8 years of service Alice has gotten the itch for a new challenge in pastures new. We would like to thank Alice for her help over the past few years and know that many clients will be sad to see her leave. Alice will be leaving on January 5<sup>th</sup>, so plenty of time for goodbyes, after which we wish Alice all the very best for her future career.



### Welcome Adrian Postolache

We are pleased to welcome new vet Adrian to the farm team as of the 4<sup>th</sup> December. Adrian qualified in Romania in 2010. He ran his own veterinary practice for 3 years seeing large and small animals, before working for the Romanian government carrying out TB testing & disease surveillance work. Following a year’s work as a meat inspector in the UK Adrian is looking forward to returning to clinical work; he will be helping us primarily with TB testing and routine clinical work initially, whilst further developing his clinical skills alongside us.

Adrian is a lovely guy who thoroughly enjoys being out on farm. We are very much looking forward to working with him and we’re sure our clients will too.