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Pasteurella Prevention in Lambs

1) Ensure all ewes are fully **vaccinated** with **Heptavac P-Plus**.

All ewes to be bred from require an **initial course of 2 doses** of Heptavac P-Plus injected under the skin 4-6 weeks apart. Thereafter ewes require a **single annual booster**, which should be given about **4 weeks before lambing** is expected.

Vaccinating ewes prior to lambing results in the transfer of antibodies in the colostrum from the ewe to her lambs. These antibodies will help protect the lambs from Pasteurella until **2-3 weeks of age only**. (As regards Pulpy Kidney the antibodies will be protective for up to 12 weeks.)

2) In flocks where young lambs (3 weeks +) suffer from Pasteurella then vaccination of the lambs may be required.

The following is a suggested vaccination programme:

- *At **7 days old plus** – 2 ml under skin of **Ovipast Plus**
- ***3 weeks later** – 2 ml under skin of **Ovivac P-Plus**
- ***3 weeks later again** – further dose of **Ovivac P-Plus**

Hopefully this vaccination programme will encourage immunity to Pasteurella to develop as early as possible in young lambs.

Optimum vaccination protocols vary between flocks, please call us for advice.