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Lambing Workshop

To try and accommodate as many people as possible, we will be holding two sessions on one day. Alice Wilkinson will be covering the following topics:

- **Pre-Lambing Preparation**
- **Ewe & Lamb Health**
- **Practical Lambing Tips**
- **Correction of mal-presentations**
- **Practical Procedures**



I hope this will be a relaxed but informative workshop and all levels of experience are very welcome. This invite is open to all our sheep farmers, small holders, students and anyone with an interest in furthering their lambing experience.

Course price: £50 per person this includes detailed course notes to take home

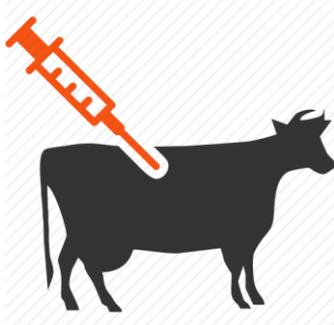
Please contact the practice to reserve your place for one of these sessions;
Wednesday 8th March 2017

Either the **Morning session: 10am-1pm**

Or the **Afternoon Session: 2pm-5pm**

Location: **Newton Farm (Damory Equine Department), Sturminster Marshall, BH21 4AL.** Tea and Coffee will be provided. We hope to see you there!

Medicines meeting – Responsible use of medicines on farm



7pm Wednesday 29th March

The Brewery, Blandford St Mary, DT11 9LS

Includes buffet dinner

Suckler Herd Discussion Group - Spring Meeting

7pm Wednesday 15th March

The Greyhound @ Winterborne Kingston DT11 9AZ

£10 per person, includes hot buffet dinner

Topics: Benchmarking, Maximising Fertility, Interesting Cases from the past 12 months.



Lambing Supplies Checklist

We can supply everything you need for lambing, please contact us for any advice or to place an order. This list is not complete – try us if you need something else that isn't listed here!

Medicines, vaccines and supplements:

- Long-acting antibiotic, Betamox LA
- Anti-inflammatory, Metacam (not licensed in sheep)
- Heptavac P Plus vaccine for Clostridial diseases and Pasteurellosis
- Ketosaid
- Calciject
- Spectam Scourhalt
- Glucose injection
- Iodoform uterine pessaries
- Strong Iodine solution
- Vetericyn Super 7+ navel spray
- Lamb Kick-Start energy boost
- Watery lamb pre-biotic formula
- Lamb colostrum



Lambing aids and other items:

- Digital thermometer
- Lamb resuscitator
- Lamb jackets
- Lambing ropes
- Lambing snare
- Long gloves
- Lubricant
- Elastrator rings
- Entropion clips
- Lamb feeding tube
- Sheep halter



Diseases of Newborn Lambs

Watery mouth: This is a common disease seen in the first few days of life, especially triplet lambs born in unhygienic conditions. It is caused by lambs swallowing E.coli bacteria from the environment. The bacteria in the lamb's gut release endotoxin which is absorbed into the blood and results in endotoxic shock. Lambs with watery mouth may be dull, weak, unwilling to suck, and with wet lips from drooling saliva. This disease can quickly progress to death. Treatment consists of antibiotics (oral spectinomycin, 'Spectam Scour Halt' is effective in the early stages) and oral electrolyte therapy.

Joint ill: When bacteria in the bloodstream settle into the joint(s) this causes Joint Ill or 'Infectious Polyarthritis'. Lameness is most commonly seen from 5-10 days onwards and may affect one or more joints – look out for swollen, hot, painful joints and lambs in poor body condition. A course of antibiotic injections is the best treatment, and it is important to treat promptly for the best chance of a full recovery.

Navel ill: Umbilical infections are common when lambs are born in unhygienic conditions and without proper treatment of the navels. Abscesses may occur at the navel, and/or the infection may spread to cause liver infections, peritonitis, joint ill, meningitis and other life-threatening diseases.

Septic peritonitis: This is an infection within the abdomen that can be a consequence of navel ill. Affected lambs will be very dull and lethargic, not interested in sucking and show signs of abdominal pain such as hunching and increased recumbency. The abdomen may become distended (although they have not fed) – this is due to production of inflammatory fluid.

Neonatal scours: There are several different causes of diarrhoea outbreaks in newborn lambs including E.coli, rotavirus, and Clostridium perfringens (lamb dysentery). To establish the cause, we can take samples for laboratory submission. Affected lambs should be isolated, kept warm and given lots of fluids and electrolytes, in addition to any specific treatments that may be advised. Remember to disinfect the pens properly between lambs to avoid spread of disease.

Prevention is better than cure! To reduce incidence of these diseases and to ensure that newborn lambs have the best chance of survival:

1. Ensure that the lambing **environment is clean**, the ewe is attentive and that she has a decent milk supply.
2. Lambs must ingest **adequate colostrum** in the first 24 hours of life (200mls/kg) – ideally 50mls/kg within the first 2 hours of life.
3. **Navels should be dipped** in strong veterinary iodine in the first 15 minutes of life to protect against entry of disease through the umbilicus. Ideally this should be repeated 2-4 hours later.

Tylan → Tylucyl

We would like to make you aware that we are now stocking an alternative product to 'Tylan' – it is called 'Tylucyl'. Please be reassured that this is essentially the same product by a different company, and it is available at a cheaper price so we can pass this saving on to our clients.



Huskvac Reminder

With Spring on the way it is time to think about lungworm protection... Bovilis Huskvac can be given to calves over 8 weeks old prior to turnout. 2 doses are required at a 4 week interval, and the onset of immunity is 2 weeks after completion of this vaccination course. Let us know if you have any questions or would like to place an order.