



LUNGWORM

The time for vaccination against lungworm is nearly upon us.

To refresh everyone's memory,

Bovilis Huskvac needs to be given in two doses 4 weeks apart. The second dose should be given at least 2 weeks before turning out. Vaccination is important as lungworm is a debilitating disease. Lung damage can be permanent and in the short term it causes poor growth rates leading to low quality replacement / sales stock.

Vaccinating young stock provides immunity before they are exposed to pasture. After calves are vaccinated they need to maintain that immunity by getting exposed

to larvae on the pasture. This reminds the body to keep producing antibodies to protect against lungworm. This also applies for adult cattle. Occasionally we see older animals with lungworm. This occurs when an adult animal isn't getting repeat exposure from pasture. This can be due to intensive worming or due to only grazing clean pasture.



For the cattle clients:
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CYDECTIN LA in SHEEP



This new 'Fort Dodge' product will be available to you soon. It is a very similar product to the other Cydectin products that you already know, but with a lot longer duration of action.

It works against most worms and scab with a proven longer duration of action against Haemonchus, Roundworm and Scab. There is not a proven longer action against Nematodirus (in lambs).

Because of the longer action it is recommended for use in ewes at lambing. This is to stop the rise in worm eggs and consequent rise in pasture contamination. The decrease

in pasture contamination will then lead to a decrease in worm burden of the lambs. Contact us to discuss use of this product and other anthelmintics for your flock, together coming up with a worm strategy to help reduce use of wormers and therefore reducing risk of anthelmintic resistance developing.

Want to know who your vets are?

Turn over the page and meet:

Andrew Phillips
 Sophie Armstrong-Bell
 Nanja Verkuijl

And off course
 Bill Pepper

A quick reminder

Don't forget that this year again it is important to vaccinate for Bluetongue. There are currently no problems with supply, so you only need to order it in a couple of days before use.

As you have probably heard apart from the existence of BTV 8 there is now the threat of BTV 6,1 and 11 as well. Unfortunately no vaccine is available for these strains (yet). Therefore strict bio security remains important, especially when buying in animals from the continent.

Did you know that.....

- Bluetongue vaccine can now be used at the same time as:
Leptavoid
Bovilis BVD
Heptavac-P
Ovovac-P
- Bovilis BTV-8 (Intervet-Schering-Plough Blue Tongue vaccine) is now shown to be safe to use in pregnant animals. Although we would not advise to vaccinate close to lambing/calving, as abortions can occur due to stress of handling.



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Andrew Phillips BVetMed, MRCVS

Andrew qualified for the Royal Veterinary College in London in July 2008 and started at Cliffe in September. He enjoys all areas of mixed practice but is particularly interested in cattle practice. Andrew would like to become more involved in improving the productivity of beef herds. Out side of work Andrew is fond of rock climbing, mountaineering and cycling.



Sophie Armstrong Bell BVSci, MRCVS

Sophie graduated from Melbourne University, Australia in 2007. She comes from a dairy farm in Victoria where they milk 380 Holstein Friesians. Having been involved with the farm from an early age her interests lie in improving herd fertility. When not at work Sophie enjoys walking with her greyhound Hazel, playing with her horse Gwynie and camping with James in the 101!

Nanja Verkuijl DVM, MRCVS

Nanja graduated in 2001 from Ghent university and came over to the UK straight after. Having worked in different practices, she has really found that her passion in the veterinary world lies with farm animals. For the last 5 years she has worked as a farm vet only. She has a keen interest in preventative medicine and health problem investigations on herd level and sheep flock health.

In her spare time you can find her in the garden or hiking and camping anywhere in the UK and Europe.



Bill Pepper

who needs no further introduction as he is known by you all!!