

FARM News



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Look Out For Fly Strike

Fly season is well and truly upon us and we have seen several cases of fly strike this month. Remember that fly protection products only spread a limited distance across the skin and may not reach extremities including the feet and teats. The risk of fly strike is also increased in open wounds or if animals have skin damage for any other reason such as scour. We stock Ectofly, Spotinor, Spot on and Flypor at competitive prices; please call in to discuss a price.



Clostridial Disease Update

As summer progresses it is worth thinking about your clostridial disease vaccination programme and making sure that it provides the best possible protection for your animals. Key points to remember are:



- Protection provided to new-born lambs or calves by vaccination of the mother prior to birth (for example Heptavac P vaccination pre-lambing) only lasts for 8-12 weeks. After this age lambs and calves must be vaccinated themselves to provide ongoing protection. Depending on which vaccine you are using they can be vaccinated from two to three weeks of age.



- Don't forget to include rams, bulls and young stock in your vaccination programme. Vaccinations can lead to transient increase in body temperature so it is best to avoid vaccinating breeding males for 60 days prior to and during the breeding season.

Abortion in your sheep flock.

Abortion is a common but preventable occurrence in sheep flocks. If your abortion rate was greater than 2% then it is likely that infectious causes such as toxoplasmosis or enzootic abortion may have been involved. Toxovax and Enzovax are now available to order. Due to supply shortages in previous years we recommend you to order early to avoid disappointment. Both vaccines can be used in ewe lambs from five months of age and can be given up to 4 months off tugging.

Monday appointments now available in Pomeroy for small animal vaccines/check-ups from 2:00 – 3:00 with Kerrie-Ann. Appointments can be made by phoning the practice.

Small animal appointments in Ballygawley on Monday morning and evening and all day Wednesday. Operations can be booked in advance for Wednesday. Please ring Ballygawley to make an appointment.

We have a new vet that joined our team at the end of June. Her name is Rachel – Rachel is originally from a dairy farm in county Cork. We hope you all get to meet her soon in practice or out in farm ☺

We now have 5 vets in total – Brian Keown, Sean O'Neill, Stephen Wilson, Nigel Edwards, Rachel Barrett