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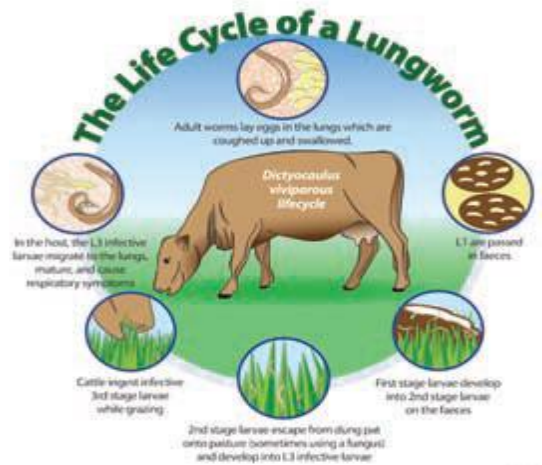
Abortion Prevention in Sheep

Both Toxovax and Cevac Chlamydia are still available to order through the office. Remember that ewes can be vaccinated up to 4 months prior to tugging and we strongly recommend that you vaccinate as soon as possible as we often see manufacturing issues with these vaccines later in the season.



Look Out For Lungworm

Whilst the warm dry weather means that worm burdens so far this summer have been low it is important to remain vigilant for signs of disease. Lungworm most commonly affects young stock in their first season at grass, however it can also be seen in older animals particularly where they have not had the chance to develop any immunity or their immunity has waned- examples of this include freshly calved heifers moving to a new farm, or older animals being grazed on pasture that has been used for young stock. The first sign of disease is a dry cough, particularly noticeable when animals are being moved. Disease can progress rapidly so seek advice promptly if you are concerned.



Lameness in sheep

CODD (contagious Ovine Digital Dermatitis) has become a lot more common in recent years and represents another substantial infectious cause of lameness. It is often seen with a large outbreak initially, followed by a steady flow of lame sheep. The main differences compared to Foot Rot are the lack of smell, and lesions starting at the coronary band rather than at the toe. Isolation and prompt treatment being vital to controlling CODD. However, oxytetracycline, the antibiotic used the most commonly for Foot Rot, is NOT effective in treatment of CODD, and a different class of drug will be needed. Speak to one of the vets for advice on what will be best for your situation.



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.

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.