

FARM

News



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Pet food

Did you know, you can get pet food delivered for your much loved animals to any of our practices? Using the website www.vetpetni.co.uk you can order high quality food and have it delivered to your local vets with no delivery charge.



Vet Portfolio

Brian Keown
Sean O'Neill
Stephen Wilson
Nigel Edwards
Maciek Liguis
Brigid King
Ina Doherty
Mike Reynolds
Kerrie – Anne Ryan
(Small animals)



COVID-19

As we remain open during the COVID-19 pandemic, we ask all our customers to please be considerate to staff and others visiting our practices. You can do this by trying to keep a safe distance from others, sanitising on arrival and wearing a face covering. We would also ask all farmers to wear a mask when one of our vets are out on your farm. Thank you!

Nematodirus worm infections

Despite the recent inclement weather, now is the greatest risk period for Nematodirus worm infections in young lambs. Infections can strike quickly with a high number of mortalities and the stunting of growth in many others.

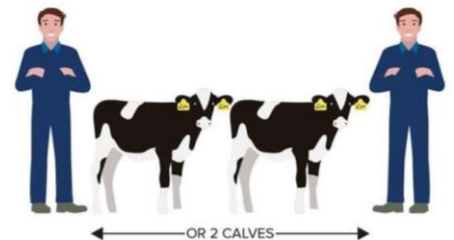
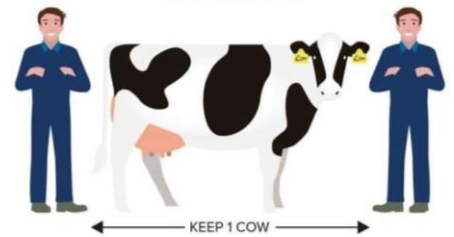
Mass hatching of Nematodirus worms occurs when day time temperatures exceed 10 °C after a cold spell. This coincides with our current weather pattern and suggests impending Nematodirus infections in young lambs grazing a significant amount of pasture (those of 6 weeks of age and older) in the coming weeks.

Clinical signs often manifest very quickly and include profuse watery diarrhoea, ill thrift and sometimes signs of colic / abdominal pain. Older animals are immune to nematodirus worms so only this year's lamb crop will be infected.

Unlike other parasitic worms, faecal egg counts are not helpful in diagnosis as disease is caused by immature worms and not egg laying adults. As such, diagnosis is based upon clinical signs and history of grazing pasture previously grazed by young lambs last spring.

Prevention can be achieved by grazing pastures not grazed by young animals the previous year, but as this is unlikely to be possible, all lambs should be treated with an appropriate anthelmintic. The anthelmintic of choice being a "white drench" or Benzimidazole given at the appropriate dose after accurate weighing.

SOCIAL DISTANCING



Botulism

Botulism is a common poisoning in this area and causes a lot of cattle deaths each year. A vaccine is available at BVC Farm vets. Please contact any of our three branches to place your order.



BVC FARM VETS



11 Church Street, Ballygawley BT70 2HA - 028 85567150

Opened Mon - Fri 09:00-18:00 | Sat 09:00-16:00 | Closed for Lunch 13:30-14:00

19 The Diamond, Pomeroy BT70 2QU - 028 87759358

Opened Mon - Fri 09:00-18:00 | Wed & Sat 09:00-13:00 | Closed for Lunch 13:00-14:00

Unit 5, Hamilton Park, Tamnamore BT71 6HW - 028 87726805

Opened Mon - Fri 09:00-17:30 | Sat 09:00-13:00 | Closed for Lunch 13:30-14:00

Did you know?

BVC Farm Vets have 3 branches; Ballygawley, Tamnamore & Pomeroy. All you need is one account to purchase products/services in all these branches!