



Daleside 25th Anniversary

Daleside Vets is celebrating its 25th Birthday this year! To mark this special occasion, we will be holding a summer party at the Holt Lodge on the 14th June from 7:30pm.

There will be plenty of food, drink and a few little surprises in store for the evening so please let us know by the 8th of June if you would like to attend.



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Delivery Service

Due to being a hugely popular service we would like to remind you that all deliveries should be ordered the day before delivery to allow Helen to leave promptly the morning of delivery.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Changes to red tractor

As many of you will already be aware there have been changes to the red tractor farm assurance scheme announced, coming into effect from 1/6/18. Below are the main summary of changes:

All red tractor members must now only use Critically Important antibiotics, such as Marbox, Cephaguard tubes, Excenel,

Cobactan tubes, as a last resort and their use must be under the direction of a vet, backed up by sensitivity or other lab diagnostic testing. If you are unsure about whether a medicine falls into the critically important category then please get in touch with one of the team.

In addition, Beef and Lamb members must have a written annual livestock health and performance review undertaken by a vet and antibiotic usage on the farm must be reviewed.

Bull fertility testing

Bull fertility is important for maintaining a compact calving period, maximising the value of the calf crop and overall herd profitability.

Whilst few bulls are infertile, i.e. not capable of getting a cow in calf, many are sub-fertile and will produce fewer calves than a fully fertile bull. A breeding soundness examination is therefore a sound investment before the start of the breeding season, to test semen quality and physical attributes.

We would like to encourage all our beef and dairy clients to check the fertility of all bulls to be used over the summer to prevent later losses. Please contact the practice if you would like to book in your bull, ideally 10 weeks before he is expected to work.

Calf Club New Member Offer

Do you ever wonder whether your calves are achieving their potential? Would you like to maximise your heifers first lactation yields? Could you improve your age at first calving and reduce your rearing costs?

Rearing replacement heifers is the single biggest variable cost on farm, after purchasing feed. It is no surprise therefore that serious economic gains can be made from reducing this cost as much as possible. The average age at first calving in the UK is 28 months, costing on average an extra £344 per heifer compared to calving at 24 months.

If this is of interest to you then we have a very special promotion available this month! Daleside vets



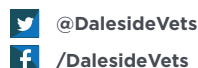
invite you to join our calf club for a 2-month free trial, valued at £100. By joining Calf Club you get a monthly visit to weigh young calves and take samples to assess colostrum status, and a monthly report to monitor their progress. Also included is a complete review of your calf rearing system annually, and four group meetings a year.

There is a meeting at Holt Lodge on the 2nd of July at 10.30am, to include a talk on weaned heifer nutrition by Georgina Thomas and a Q and A session on calf club membership. If you would like to join us for an interesting meeting and some lunch then please confirm your attendance with the practice by the 15th of June, we look forward to seeing you there.



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