

Success with Sheep Club!

Thank you to everyone who came along to our most recent sheep meeting, focussing on reducing lameness in your flock. There was a great turnout, great discussion and plenty of food! Keep your eyes peeled for details of the next meeting.



Digital Dermatitis Farm Walk



DIGITAL DERMATITIS: A SUCCESSFUL STORY

Guest Speaker:
Sara Pedersen an RCVS Specialist in Cattle Health and Production Veterinary Consultant will be coming to talk about successful digital dermatitis control.
Followed by a farm walk hosted by Mr Mike Done of Asney Park Farm who will be sharing his success story with us.

Location: White Horse Inn, Overton
Date: Tuesday 8th October 2019
Time: 10.30am | Lunch included

Please call the office 01978 311444 or email lauren@dalesidevets.co.uk to confirm attendance

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Johnes Action Plan Deadline Reminder

By 31st October 2019 the National Johnes Management Plan declaration requires that member farmers:

- Have had the farm status and risk reassessed and,
- You are correctly utilising the management information, equipment, husbandry and resources to implement the strategy selected for your farm effectively.

It is a requirement of the red tractor assurance scheme that this is completed; if you need any guidance then please contact one of the vets.

Milksure Training



It is quickly becoming a requirement of many milk contracts to have completed the Milksure Training Initiative. MilkSure aims to safeguard human health and to demonstrate a responsible approach to help reduce antibiotic resistance. These are important to promote the image of dairy farming and to protect consumers' confidence in dairy products. Completing this course also helps you to meet the Red Tractor dairy standards when it comes to medicines:

- ✓ Medicines training
- ✓ Individual competency certificates
- ✓ Annual review of bulk tank fails
- ✓ Annual antibiotic review
- ✓ Annual medicine cupboard "health check"
- ✓ Annual risk assessment to ensure best practice
- ✓ Veterinary certification

We are hoping to run a small group meeting to help cut the cost of complying with this regulation so if this applies to you or you are interested in becoming MilkSure Certified then please register your interest with the practice.



Keeping You Up to Date with New Red Tractor Requirements

As of the 1st of October 2019, the following changes will be made to the red tractor farm assurance scheme:

- The health plan must be written and updated in conjunction with the vet. Farm policies/protocols on calving procedures, lameness management, pain relief and use of shackles have also been added to the required elements of the health plan. If you have completed a health plan with a vet and had it signed in the 12 months prior to 1st Oct 2019 (1st Oct 2018 – 30th Sept 2019) then the requirement to have these additional elements would be applicable to the next review due after the 1st of October 2019.
- Johne's disease must be managed through the implementation of the National Johne's Management Plan
- BVD must be managed through a BVD eradication programme designed in conjunction with the farm vet
- An annual review of antibiotics used must be undertaken by the vet, this now includes review of any cascade/off-label use of medicines along with discussions on any preventative treatments undertaken and if this is the most appropriate action.
- The use of teat sealants must be recorded in the medicine records for the farm.
- There is a requirement that pain relief is used when cauterising paste is the chosen method for disbudding
- The recommendation that 'At least one person, who is responsible for administering medicines has undertaken training and holds a certificate of competence/attendance from training undertaken since October 2016' has now become a full standard. It is applicable to all whether the site employs staff or not. Attendance at our meeting held at Holt Lodge on the 12th of February 2019 or completing Milksure training would satisfy this new standard.
- Colostrum or milk from known Johne's positive cows must not be fed to dairy or beef breeding stock
- The standard requiring a documented plan for the effective management of serious incidents and potential emergency situations that threaten the welfare of livestock, food safety or the environment now requires that the plan is displayed in a position available to those involved in farm tasks. The detail in the plan has also been amended to include more potential situations including loss of power, loss of assurance status and situations where the person with primary responsibility is unavailable for any period.
- The vet must be informed of each antibiotic failure rather than the previous standard when it was two in a 12-month period.
- Key equipment in the parlour must be clean, and a detailed parlour plant cleaning protocol must be available and on display. This refers to the wash cycle for the interior elements of the parlour not parlour washdown.
- It is recommended that at least one person per site is a member of a scheme that records skills/development /training. This recommendation is now relevant to all members not just those who employ staff.

