

Team News



We are very pleased to be able to be welcoming Charlotte Davies to the team in September. She will be taking on Laurens role as farm admin and vet technician. Charlotte graduated from Aberystwyth University where she studied BSc in Agriculture with Animal Science. Having

grown up on a local mixed dairy beef and sheep farm as well as working in the farm supplies industry, Charlotte has a passion for livestock health. We are sure you will join us in making her feel welcome at Daleside.

Farming Connect Clinic Funding

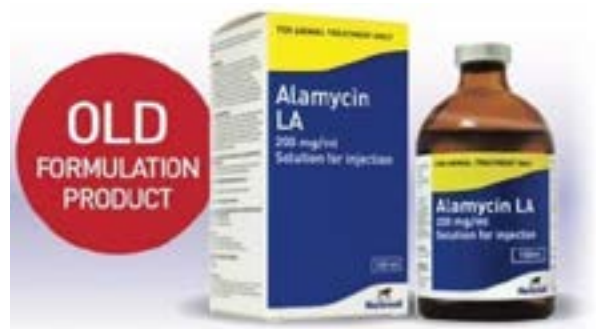
There is a new round of Farming Connect funding for animal health clinics available until the New Year. There is up to £250 available per farm, if you are registered with Farming Connect. The funding can be used to carry out animal health investigations such as infectious disease investigation, nutrition and metabolic investigations, bull and ram fertility testing, worm egg counting. For more details speak to one of the farm team.



Medicines news - Alamyacin LA withdrawal periods

There has been changes to the withdrawal period for Alamyacin LA.

The meat withdrawal periods have been extended, and the cattle milk withdrawal period has reduced, as follows:



OLD WITHDRAWAL PERIOD

Meat & offal:	Milk:
Cattle - 31 days	Cattle - 10 days
Sheep - 9 days	Sheep - 7 days
Pigs - 18 days	



NEW WITHDRAWAL PERIOD

Meat & offal:	Milk:
Cattle - 41 days	Cattle - 8 days
Sheep - 24 days	Sheep - 7 days
Pigs - 20 days	



Gwaredu BVD Scheme Extension

The Gwaredu BVD testing scheme was due to come to an end this month, but it has now been extended until March 2021. This allows us to continue doing an annual youngstock screen of 5 cattle from each management group between 9-18 months old at the herd TB test. This helps us assess the BVD status of your herd. Then if there are signs of active infection in the herd there is further funding available to carry out a PI hunt, looking for persistently infected carrier animals in the herd. The funding for this PI hunt has also been extended until December 2022.

Clara Valderrama, a final year veterinary student at the Royal Veterinary College is carrying out a survey to assess the impact of BVD on the health of beef herds in Wales. She is carrying out a study on coinfection with BVD in Welsh beef herds. We would appreciate if you could take a few moments to fill out a short survey. All information will be held securely and personally identifiable information will be kept separately from any herd information supplied.

<https://forms.gle/EApCca6LV3wJEFYH6>



Webinar – Managing Dry Cows During The Summer

Following on from our June newsletter article focusing on the challenges of managing dry cows during the summer, Guy will be presenting an online webinar with Farming Connect on Monday 10th August at 8pm.

For more details, or to register go to <https://businesswales.gov.wales/farmingconnect/whats-on>

or email rhy.s.davies@menterabusnes.co.uk

XL Vets Medicine Matters Course

Back by popular demand! After having to postpone our Red Tractor approved XL Vets Mastering Medicines course due to COVID 19, we are pleased to announce that our next course will be running on Thursday 3rd September 10am at Holt Lodge Hotel. Lunch and refreshments will be provided, and full social distancing measures will be in place to keep us all safe during the course. For more details or to book a place speak to one of the farm team.



Implanting Embryos in Repeat Breeder Cows

Fertility and poor conception are common reasons for culling cows. Implanting an embryo can be a cost-effective way to get a cow in calf. Cows that are suitable to consider for embryo implantation are ones that cycle regularly, have had several services and not held in calf. We use a beef cross embryo which, when implanted 7-8 days after the cow is served improves the chances of the cow getting in calf. We would expect to get on average 50% conception rate even in these repeat breeder cows. This can be an effective way of keeping a cow in the herd and avoiding the need to cull her, particularly if you have got a limited number of heifer replacements, are increasing cow numbers, or have lost cows from the herd due to TB.

We are running a 'No Win No Fee' offer on the implantation fee until the end of 2020. So, if a cow does not become pregnant from an embryo implantation, we would only charge the cost of the embryo and drugs, without the implantation fee. If the cow becomes pregnant, we would charge the usual implantation fee as well as the cost of the embryo and drugs.

For more details, speak to one of the farm team.

