



Welcome Amy!

We are pleased to welcome Amy Brook to the practice team. Amy has recently started with us as a TB tester and Vet technician, some of you might already know Amy as she is a local to the area.

Having grown up on a beef farm alongside various milking jobs she is more than confident in handling all sort of cattle! Welcome to the team Amy.

Farming Connect

The new round of funding is now open and available through farming connect. Registration will be necessary to access the funding, even if you have previously registered you will need to re-register with Farming Connect. The advisory service will be available again, with 70% funding up to £343 available for animal health testing and technical advice.

Farming connect are hosting an event in Wrexham to talk through what funding will be available and how to access this on the 5th May at Hotel Wrexham. The event will be ran twice, the first being at 13.30-16.30 with the later one at 17.30-20.30.

If you would like to attend then we recommend registering your interest prior to going with our local development officer – Gwenno,
gwenno.puw.rowlands@mentera.cymru

Bank holiday opening hours

It's been a busy couple of months here at the practice, we couldn't have wished for better weather to welcome in this year's crop of lambs.

Just to remind you about the two May bank holidays, these will be on the 4th May and 25th May. As always, one of our vets will be on duty to assist you with any emergency work but the office will be closed on these days.



Monday 4th May

Monday 25th May

DIGWYDDIADAU EVENTS

Cadwch mewn cysylltiad:
Ail gofrestru gyda Cyswllt Ffermio
Stay Connected:
Farming Connect Re-registration

05/05	Hotel Wrexham Road, Holt, Wrexham LL13 9SW 🕒 13:30 - 16:30 & 17:30 - 20:30
11/05	Beufort Park Hotel, Wyddgrug, CH7 6RQ 🕒 9:30 - 12:30 & 13:30 - 16:30
19/05	Crymych RFC, Pros Kairon, Crymych SA41 3QE 🕒 11:00 - 15:00 & 16:00 - 19:00

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MANYLION PWYSIG
 IMPORTANT DETAILS

Dylai'r mynychwyr ddod â'u manylion mewngofnodi RPW a sicrhau bod y person sy'n derbyn y codau dilysu, ynghyd â'r ddyfais a ddefnyddir i'w derbyn (ffôn neu liniadur/e-bost), hefyd fod yn bresennol.

Attendees should bring their RPW login details and ensure that both the person who receives the verification codes and the device used to receive them (phone or laptop/email) are also in attendance.

BVD Wales

This summer will see a change in legislation with movement restrictions being placed on herds in Wales who have not had a negative BVD screen for their farm. This will come into force from July, make sure you get your herd screened prior to this to avoid any movement restrictions.

What impact could BVD be having on your farm?

BVD is an economically expensive disease that has an impact on animal health, welfare and productivity. The disease can cause abortion, infertility, deformed calves and poor health of the herd, particularly in calves.

It is common to see increased cases of calf pneumonia in herds infected with BVD, and these do not tend to respond well to treatment and overall have poorer survival rates. The effects on both growth rates and fertility are frequently underestimated.

The presence of BVD is associated with increased occurrence of other diseases found on the farm, increasing the amount of treatments administered. By removing BVD and reducing the risk of associated diseases, this will help reduce the reliance on antibiotics on your farm.

£4,500

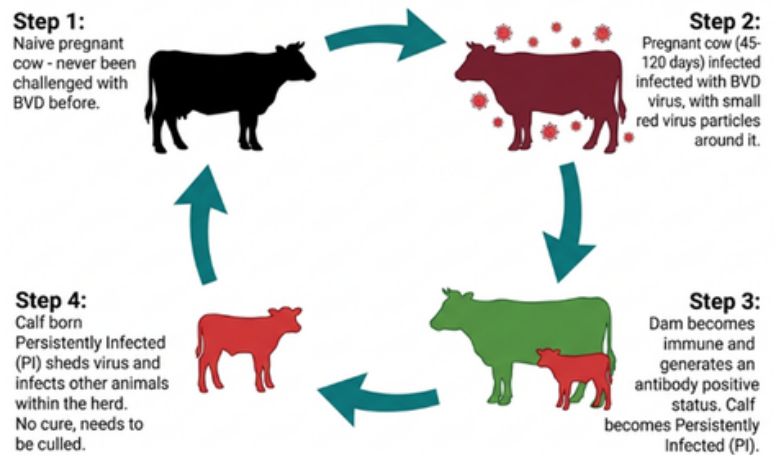
Annual loss per year
100-cow beef farm

£15,000

Annual loss per year
130-cow dairy herd

The key to eradication is to identify and remove any persistently infected animals or PI for short. A Persistently Infected animal is a bovine that has been infected in the uterus of a pregnant cow with the BVD virus. PI animals are central to BVD. They shed large amounts of virus throughout their lives which infects naive animals. Their presence on the farm compromises the health of the entire herd as all animals have to direct energy to fight off the disease rather than directing it towards growth and milk production.

Creating a Persistently Infected Animal



What type of test do you need to get a status for your farm?

To understand your farm status we need to do a youngstock antibody screen on 5 animals per group between the ages of 9 months and 18 months. This will enable us to evaluate the level of exposure your herd has had to BVD virus. If all 5 are negative then your herd status is automatically changed to negative and is valid for 12 months. One or more positive results indicates that at some point in their lives these animals have been exposed to BVD virus. The source of infection could be a PI animal on your farm, contact with neighbouring cattle, cattle mixing in marts or other biosecurity breaches.

If you have a positive antibody screen, this is a warning signal and you should consult with us about the results and conduct further investigations and antigen tests (i.e. a PI Hunt) on your farm.

Medicine delivery service

Get your medicine delivered for free on Tuesdays and Fridays! To help our driver get on the road quickly and make sure you're on the list, please call us at least a day ahead with your order.

