



## December Newsletter

### Fluke Warning

Liver fluke disease remains a serious threat, with deaths due to acute disease, and ill thrift and poor production due to chronic disease. Conditions through the summer and autumn have remained very good for fluke and snail development. It is expected that infected pastures will remain a risk until the end of December, allowing acute fluke infections to continue into next year.

We advise treating stock now. Housed cattle, which have been in for at least 4 weeks can be treated with an Injectable such as "Closamectin" (Fluke and wormer). Outwintered cattle should also be treated, preferably with a product which is affective against immature fluke e.g. "Tribex" or "Triclafas". Treatment may need to be repeated 4 to 6 weeks later. Sheep should be treated with a product affective against immature fluke as well e.g. "Tribex" or "Triclafas".

If you would like to discuss this further as part of your on going Animal Health Plan please contact the Office.

### Good Luck

Good luck to Nicola at the start of her Maternity leave. We will be welcoming a new nurse, Caroline, in the new year.

## Christmas Opening Hours

	Lampeter Office Hours	Surgery Times in Lampeter	Tregaron Surgery
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Open 9am – 3pm	9 – 9.30am <i>Open Surgery</i> 1.30 – 2.30pm <i>Appointments</i>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Open 9am – 10am	9 – 10am <i>Open Surgery</i>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Normal 9am – 5pm	9 – 9.30am <i>Open Surgery</i> 1.30 – 2.30 <i>Appointments</i>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Normal 9am – 5pm	9 – 9.30am <i>Open Surgery</i> 1.30 – 2.30pm <i>Appointments</i> 6 – 6.30pm <i>Open Surgery</i>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Normal 9am – 4pm	9 – 9.30am <i>Open Surgery</i> 1.30 – 2.30pm <i>Appointments</i>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	Normal 9am – 5pm	9 – 9.30am <i>Open Surgery</i> 1.30 – 2.30 <i>Appointments</i> 6 – 6.30pm <i>Open Surgery</i>	<b>Closed</b>

**If you have an Emergency please Telephone the usual number: 01570 422322**

Please be aware that there will be a reduced level of staff over the festive period. As usual if the duty Vet is out on call you may be asked to leave a message with the answering service, we will then return your call as soon as we can.

*All the Staff at Steffan Vets; Richard, James, Anne, Jim, Rhian, Lee, Margaret, Menna, Nic, Alison and Becky, would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your custom and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

*Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda*