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## March 2015 Newsletter

### Spring Vaccinations – BVD, Leptospirosis, IBR and Huskvac

Spring turn out is fast approaching and now is the time organise administration of primary courses of vaccinations for heifers and booster vaccinations for cows.

#### BVD & Lepto

Remember to vaccinate heifers which will be served in the next 12 months twice, with 3-4 weeks between vaccinations.

A reasonable approach is to organise vaccinating all the cows and eligible heifers on one day and then 4 weeks later vaccinate the heifers again.

#### IBR

Those on the Rispoval IBR regime should vaccinate maiden heifers with their first dose of Live vaccine. They can then receive the booster vaccination of Inactivated in the autumn with the rest of the herd.

#### Suggested Protocol:

First Day: Vaccinate cows and heifers with BVD and Lepto

Two weeks later: Vaccinate heifers with Rispoval IBR Live

Another two weeks later: Vaccinate heifers with BVD and Lepto

Heifers should complete the course of vaccinations at least two weeks before service.

#### Huskvac

Outbreaks of lungworm continue to increase. Vaccination combined with young stock grazing management remains the best way to control the disease. Please contact us if you wish to discuss protection of your herd.

#### TB Testing

As you will have recently seen in the media the manner in which TB testing and other government work is organised is changing.

Steffan Vets is part of the successful consortium in South Wales. Over the next few months there will be changes in the background administration but you should continue to book tests with us.