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March 2016 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.

Any farmers using Bovela BVD vaccine instead of Bovilis BVD will have a slightly different protocol. Please contact us to discuss this.

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.

From 6th April all dogs in Wales must be microchipped by law

From 6 April 2016 every keeper of a dog older than 8 weeks must ensure that it is microchipped (The Microchipping of Dogs (Wales) Regulations 2015). The obligation does not supersede the obligation to ensure that your dog wears a collar and tag engraved with the name, address and postcode of the keeper when in a public place.

It is the keeper's responsibility to ensure their dog is microchipped and registered on one of the authorised commercial databases.

It is also the keeper's responsibility to keep their contact details up-to-date on the database.

Where the dog is transferred to a new keeper, the new keeper must, unless the previous keeper has already done so, record their details and any change in the dog's name with the database on which the dog's details are recorded.

Please contact us if you have any questions about the new law or would like to arrange for us to microchip your pet.