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Nematodirus Warning

With the recent dry weather, once it begins to rain and temperatures rise there could be a significant hatch of Nematodirus, leading to a high risk to early lambs. If ewes and lambs are grazing pastures which were grazed by ewes and lambs last year they are at significant risk.

The usual peak risk period for Nematodirus is May and if the weather remains cold there could be significant risk to lambs again in April/May.

Unfortunately faecal egg counts cannot be relied upon for identification of Nematodirus as disease and death are caused by immature worms before eggs are present in the faeces.

Huskvac

Huskvac is the cattle vaccine for lungworm. Husk or lungworm is a common cause of pneumonia in grazing youngstock. The vaccine promotes an animal's natural immunity and protects them from disease. The vaccine is an oral drench, given to calves twice, 4 weeks apart.

Pain relief for ewes

We would like to remind you of the dramatic benefits of treating ewes after any painful procedure with Meloxidyl. We continue to receive feedback from farmers that ewes are doing much better, survival rates are higher and the lambs are doing better.

Liver Fluke

We continue to see Liver Fluke problems in cattle and sheep. Even if animals were treated earlier in the autumn/winter they could still have infection, depending on the product with which they were treated and if they have been grazing since. Any ewe losses should be investigated.

Easter Opening

The Practice will be closed on Good Friday, 29th March, and Easter Monday, 1st April. The Practice will be open on Saturday 30th March, 9am to 10am as usual. As always, we will still be available for emergencies on 01570 422322 at all times.

If you would like to discuss any of the issues which we have highlighted, or any other problem please don't hesitate to contact us. We can be contacted either by calling into the Office, telephone or email.