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Enzovax & Toxovax

Remember that vaccinations against Enzootic Abortion should be given at least 4 weeks before going to the ram and Toxoplasmosis at least 3 weeks before tupping. Both vaccines can be given at the same time. Please ring the Office to order your vaccines.

Buy in rams or ewes?

We recommend Quarantine drenching all incoming sheep in line with SCOPS advice. We advise that all incoming sheep should be treated with a drench of Zolvix, an injection with ivermectin (Cydectin or Dectomax is best), and treat with a drench for liver fluke. This is to reduce the chances of incoming sheep bringing sheep scab and resistant fluke and worms onto your holding. Please contact us for more information or to discuss your flock health.

Do you have a SOA to move cattle between holdings?

From 30th September there are changes to Sole Occupancy Authorities (SOA), cattle moving between SOA holdings will need to be pre-movement TB tested. If land is less than 10 miles from the main holding and double fenced, you can apply for an Interim Land Association Management Agreement (ILAM). ILAM allows movement between holdings already covered by SOA without pre-movement TB Testing.

ILAM Agreements are applied for through the Practice as they require a veterinary signature.

Pre housing Youngstock vaccination against Pneumonia

While the sun is shining and the weather is warm, autumn housing is probably the last thing on your mind. However it is time to start thinking about pre-housing vaccination of your youngstock to reduce the impact of pneumonia.

Bovilis Bovipast RSP should be given twice before housing with a 4 week interval and can be given to calves from 2 weeks of age.

Wales Against Anthelmintic Resistance Development / Cymru'n Ymladd Ymwrthedd Gwrthlyngyrol WAARD / CYYG

The Practice is part of the WAARD Project which is funded by HCC. The project will take sheep farms from across Wales and measure the levels of wormer and flukicide resistance. We are currently looking to recruit farms for the project, you must have at least 75 lambs remaining on the holding at the beginning of October which we will be able to sample and treat.

If you are interested please contact Jim either phone the Office or email jim.hopkins@steffanvets.co.uk