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Enzovax & Toxovax

Remember that vaccinations against Enzootic Abortion should be given to ewe lambs and ewes 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.

Do you 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 resistant worms onto your holding.

Please contact us for more information or to discuss your flock health.

Ram Pre-Breeding Soundness Examination

We have now invested in equipment to provide Ram Pre-Breeding Soundness Examinations including semen evaluation. If you are putting a single ram with a group of ewes or a high number of ewes to a ram, we recommend that the ram is tested. You may be questioning the fertility of a ram or want to check a recently purchased ram, why not get him tested?

To carry out an examination and collect a sample of semen to evaluate under the microscope at the surgery is £45 plus VAT. Please call Jim if you would like more information or to arrange the examination.

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.