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## July Newsletter

### Faecal Egg Counting (FEC) Clinic & Practical Demonstration

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2010, from 12pm to 4pm, at the Practice, we are holding a sheep FEC Clinic and Practical Demonstration. You are invited to visit and discuss recent advances in worm control and anthelmintic resistance management.

What are indicators of resistance to wormers?

- Increased time to finish lambs
- Lower carcase weights
- Poor carcase quality
- Increased use of doses
- Increased use of concentrates to finish lambs

Are you experiencing any of these problems? You may have wormer resistance on your holding.

Drop in to see how the count is performed, see the worm eggs and hear what can be done. There will also be a chance to see the new Optiline drenching system.

For more information speak to Richard, James or Jim.



### Boarding your pets this summer?

If you are putting your cat or dog into a cattery or boarding kennels make sure that their vaccinations are up to date, including Kennel Cough Vaccine for dogs. Kennel Cough Vaccine is an intranasal vaccine (given down the nostril) which requires 2 weeks in which to become fully effective, so get it done in plenty of time.

Booster injections cannot be given at the same time as the Kennel Cough, we recommend that they are done 2 weeks earlier.

### Watch out for fly-strike in rabbits

This occurs when flies lay their eggs on your rabbits fur or skin. The larvae, commonly referred to as maggots, then hatch out and cause severe wounds by burrowing deep into the soft tissues. Keeping the cage, run and rabbit as clean as possible is important, but sometimes infestations still occur. "Rearguard" can be used to prevent infestation for up to 10 weeks by applying it to the skin/fur along the spine.