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## July 2013 Newsletter

### Pet Health Plans – Planning for your Pet's Health

We believe in a proactive, preventative approach to your pet's healthcare. We have designed Pet Health Plans to make responsible pet ownership simple and affordable with monthly payments. Pet Health Plans are not pet insurance but include regular things like vaccinations, flea and worm treatments, and health checks which are not covered by pet insurance. There are also discounts on neutering, selected diagnostics, long term medication, and pet food. Full details and information will be available in the Practice over the next couple of weeks or visit our stand at Lampeter Show on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August.

### Schmallenberg Vaccine

Bovilis SBV is now available. The dose is 2ml under the skin once for sheep and 2ml into the muscle twice, 4 weeks apart for cattle. The primary vaccination course should be completed at least 3 weeks before going to the ram or bull. The vaccine is available in 10 dose and 50 dose bottles which should be used within 4 hours of opening.

### Worming Drop-in Workshop & Zolvix

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July we are holding a drop in workshop between 11am and 2pm when you can bring in faeces for FEC and discuss your worming and fluke control with us.

As weaning of lambs approaches now is the time to consider worming them with Zolvix. Zolvix can be a key component of your worming protocol. In general we recommend dosing lambs with Zolvix, once only, mid-season, in line with SCOPS advice.

### Enzovax and Toxovax

These vaccines are now available and there are no current supply issues. We recommend ordering your vaccine as soon as possible in case of any future supply issues. Ewe lambs should be vaccinated at least 4 weeks before going to the ram.

### Fasinex 240

New milk withdrawal periods are coming into force with flukicides in dairy cattle due to an EU ban. The only straight flukicide licensed for use in Dairy cattle (or cattle intended to be used as dairy e.g. heifers and dry cows) is Fasinex 240 with the following rules:

- Not authorised for use in lactating cattle producing milk for human consumption.
- Not intended for use within 48 days of calving.
- Milk for human consumption may only be taken from 48 hours after calving.
- Should a cow calve earlier than 48 days after the last treatment, milk for human consumption may only be taken from 50 days after the last treatment.

### Ram Vasectomies

The time of year has come to think about teasing. Please ring us if you have any ram lambs to be vasectomised.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Rhian and Rhys Williams on the birth of Nia Undeg. Both mother and baby are doing well. Congratulations to Anna Marie who married Paul Austin on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June. We would all like to wish them the very best for their future together.

*If you have any questions or comments about issues in this newsletter or anything else about your animal's health please email us, [reception@steffanvets.co.uk](mailto:reception@steffanvets.co.uk), phone us, 01570 422322 or call into the Office.*