

## March Newsletter

### Extension Update

The floors have now been completed in the new building and the new lambing room is being used. The next phase is to fit the building with units and kennels. We apologise for continuing disruption but we hope that the facility will be in full use very shortly.

### 2010 Flock Check

Flock Check is Intervet/Schering-Plough's complimentary diagnostic service which aids the diagnosis of whether *Toxoplasma gondii* and/or Enzootic Abortion are causing empty or aborted ewes.

An early diagnosis allows us to put in place control programmes to reduce further losses.

Please contact the Office to discuss any problems you may be experiencing.

### Lameness Meeting & Naxcel

Thank you to Chris Evans and Clive Mills of Ffynnonfair, for allowing us to run a Lameness Meeting for Dairy Farmers, supported by Pfizer Animal Health.

The session was well attended and very informative and thought provoking.

It was also an opportunity for Pfizer to show us how to use the recently launched long-acting, single dose treatment for foul in the foot, which is nil milk withhold.

Naxcel is now available from the Practice. The dose for an average cow is 20ml into the base of the ear. Meat and Offal withhold is 9 days.



### Oral Care Month

We are offering free oral checks and you will receive a free Pedigree Dentastix pack (while stocks last).

These checks are available during our Nurse Clinics on Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment.

4 out of 5 dogs, over the age of 3 years old, have gum disease. This is the most common disease of adult dogs.

It is worth getting your pets mouth checked at least once a year, usually at their booster vaccination so that any problems can be identified early, when they are cheaper to treat and treatment is generally more successful.

Warning Signs:

- Change in behaviour – reduced chewing activity and reluctant to play with toys and balls.
- Bad breath – can be a sign of problems developing
- Bleeding gums – if this occurs treatment is highly recommended.

Please contact the Office to book an appointment today.