

May Newsletter

New Cat and Dog Wards Now Open

The new kennels have now been fitted and we now have separate wards for cats and dogs.

We apologise for continuing disruption but we hope that the facility will be in full use shortly.

Milbemax Special Offer

While available if you buy 3 Milbemax doses for your dog or cat you get the 4th dose free.

Milbemax is a broad-spectrum oral wormer for cats and dogs which is highly effective against common worms including lungworm. We advise that adult dogs and cats are wormed every 3 months. Puppies and Kittens need more regular worming. Please call into the Office for more advice.



Frontline Combo Special Offer

During May and June if you buy any 6 pack of pipettes you get one pipette free (of the same size).

Frontline Combo is a very effective flea, tick and lice treatment for dogs and cats.

Did you know:

- Fleas cause problems such as:
 - Intense itching and scratching, resulting in hair loss
 - Tapeworms
 - Anaemia
 - Flea Allergy Dermatitis
- Ticks can:
 - Attach to both pets and people
 - Cause a skin reaction or abscess
 - Transmit diseases such as Lyme disease, which affects people

For more information on prevention and treatments please contact the Office and ask for an appointment with a Nurse (no examination charge).



Nematodirus battus Disease Alert



Last week VLA Regional Laboratories in the South and Midlands began to record cases of nematodiosis due to *N. battus* causing diarrhoea and death in lambs. This is earlier than seen in some years and probably due to the weather conditions over the winter and early spring.

Disease is typically seen in lambs, usually aged 6 to 12 weeks of age. The most important risk factor for disease occurring is grazing lambs on the same pasture as lambs in previous years (*N. battus* eggs are known to survive for 2 years), or on ground that dairy calves have grazed, as they have also been shown to cycle the infection.

No anthelmintic resistance has been detected in *N. battus* to date and benzimidazoles (BZ or white drench e.g. Panacur) remain the treatment of choice.

New Sheep Wormer - Zolvix

Novartis have recently launched a brand new sheep wormer, "Zolvix". This is totally innovative as it is not related to any other wormer. It is the first new wormer for 25 years (Ivermectin being the last).

We shall be holding a farmer meeting in May but are happy to discuss it on a one-to-one basis.

This is an exciting development and we all have a responsibility to use this wormer carefully to maintain susceptibility and extend it's use as a wormer for the future.

