

October 2010 Newsletter

Fluke Treatment

We are approaching the time of year when you will be thinking about treating cattle and sheep for fluke.

There are a few things which are worth bearing in mind:

- Ivomec Super only kills adult fluke so you must wait 12 weeks (3 months) from housing or a repeat treatment may be required
- The risk of fluke is high again this autumn. 18% of livers in lambs were condemned due to fluke damage in Dunbia during August.
- There is increasing resistance to Triclabendazole (found in a number of drenches including Fasinex, Combinex, Tribex, and Triclafas)
- Fluke can reduce growth rates of calves and lambs as well as effecting adults.

Please give the Office a call to discuss your holding's circumstances. This could be included in a Whole Farm Plan through Farming Connect.

Firework Phobia

With Bonfire night just around the corner, now is the time to be considering how to make the proceedings less stressful for your pets.

While it is getting late to start a program of desensitisation, there are still some things that you can do. We have pheromone products available for both dogs and cats which help to calm them down. We use these products in our kennel room and they can help to relax the animals.

Call in to the office to discuss these products and pick up a free leaflet on other ways to help your pet cope with firework phobia.

TB Testing

This is a busy period for TB testing so please avoid disappointment by booking your test in advance. Please think ahead and plan your tests.

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The bad news is 1 in 10 dogs and 1 in 5 cats have fleas

To help keep your pet flea free use a treatment that kills adult fleas on your dog or cat and stops their eggs from hatching in your home.