



Farm Veterinary Solutions

Spring Update

2020

The Opening of Farm Veterinary Solutions Lutterworth



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Open Mon-Fri 8:30am-12:30pm; 1:30pm-4:30pm

We are thrilled to announce the opening of the new branch of Farm Veterinary Solutions in Lutterworth. With this expansion, we plan to provide local support to our South Leicestershire clients and hope to engage and meet with other local farmers.

Our full range of veterinary and vet tech services are on offer from Lutterworth, including fertility services, gamebird health, herd and flock health plans and much more. A variety of veterinary medicines are kept in stock at Lutterworth to enable same day or next day collection on special orders.

Veterinary surgeon, Chris Watton has taken on the role of branch manager. With his interests in herd fertility, lameness and other veterinary services, Chris hopes to broaden the client base and support the farmers of South Leicestershire.

Emily joined Farm Veterinary Solutions in January as Farm Receptionist for Lutterworth, She previously worked in another local practice so may be a familiar face to some of you. Emily is in the practice Monday to Friday to take drug orders and assist with any enquiries.

Covid-19 Update

This extraordinary situation has resulted in the need for some changes in the delivery of our services. With clear lines of communication and compliance with government guidelines, we are continuing to provide the services required to maintain the future food supply chain.

Whilst we are all missing the social interactions that vet visits bring, it is essential to limit face to face interaction and maintain a two metre distance. You must make the farm team aware prior to any farm visits if you or any of your staff members are self-isolating or showing any Covid-19 symptoms.

Essential farm medicines are available, but please be aware that deliveries from our suppliers are reduced. Clients are currently not permitted entry into our practices, therefore please call ahead to place drug orders and we will call you when your orders are ready. Upon collection, please call from outside and one of the team will bring your supplies to you.

Laboratories are running on reduced staff and prioritising tests around serious disease outbreaks and animal welfare. As such, there is likely to be an extended turnaround time on routine samples.

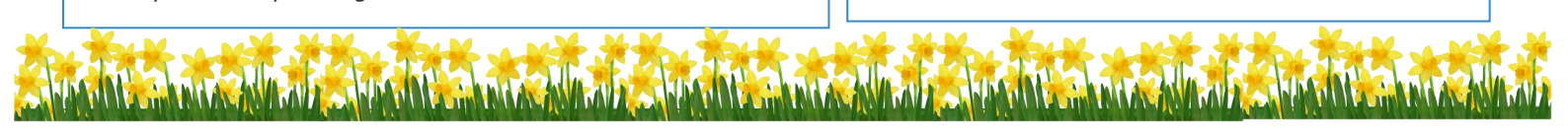
Thank you to all of our clients for your continued cooperation and support through these challenging times. We will endeavour to keep you informed of any updates or changes in the way we are operating.

TB Testing



The APHA have stated that TB testing is to continue as it is an essential part of controlling the spread of disease.

With this in mind, please consider the best way of managing your test. If you need to postpone or cancel your test due to any Covid-19 related reasons (self-isolating, showing symptoms or classed as vulnerable or high risk) contact the APHA and let us know. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any concerns regarding an upcoming TB test.

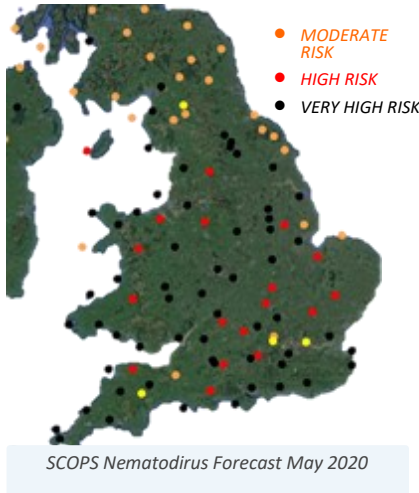




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Nematodirus in Sheep

- SCOPS Forecast



We hope you had a successful lambing season—however during turnout, caution should be taken as the nematodirus forecast in the midlands has risen to **black—very high risk**. This is likely to cause significant challenges to lambs on pasture that were grazed last year.

Nematodirus is a roundworm that causes disease in the small intestine of sheep. Ewes mostly have a high resistance to the parasite meaning only lambs are affected. Infestations normally occur in the late spring/early summer.

Clinical Signs: Lambs are often dull and depressed, stop sucking, appear gaunt, become dehydrated, have profuse, watery diarrhoea and show loss in condition. Death can often occur from dehydration if not treated early enough.

Diagnosis: Mostly based on clinical findings. Faecal worm egg counts can be performed.

Prevention: Avoid pastures grazed by lambs the previous season – larvae can survive through the winter!

Treatment: Move sheep from infested pastures where possible and treat with anthelmintic. Please call our farm team for guidance on the correct product for your lambs at competitive prices.

Summer Parasite Control

Cattle

Gut/Lungworm Control – Major factors to consider when choosing a worming strategy include the age and previous exposure of cattle, pasture contamination levels and ease of handling.

For grazing dairy cows, it is important to remember that high gut and lungworm burdens can have production limiting effects before clinical signs are seen. Therefore, we recommend monitoring bulk milk antibodies over the summer, with worming if required. Yearling cattle should have some immunity to worms if grazed the previous year but generally require some treatment pre-turnout to prevent reductions in growth rates. With lungworm (husk) still causing yearly problems, we strongly recommend the use of Huskvac in replacement heifers. Rotation of wormer class in cattle is advisable but may prove difficult as only avermectins are now available as pour-ons.

Fly Control – Fly control is an important part of grazing strategy for dairy and beef cattle as a high fly burden will reduce the feed intake and increase disease; particularly eye problems and mastitis. Topical SP products used for fly control, are actually long acting insecticides not repellents. Fly control should therefore be started early in the season (May) and applied regularly to remove the first generations of flies and prevent their replication, otherwise disappointing results may be seen later on.

Sheep

Worming Protocols – Several important risk factors have to be considered in worm control plans e.g. pasture contamination, age of animals and wormer resistance on farm. With young lambs, any long acting treatments given to ewes at lambing time should reduce pasture worm burdens, however this does not always prevent nematodirus infection. To increase confusion the early larval stages cause the damage so negative faecal egg counts may be seen.

As the grazing season moves on, regular faecal egg counting is advised with prompt treatment protecting lamb growth rates. Simple drench testing is a good way of checking for wormer resistance on farm with faecal egg counts ideally taken at time of treatment, with follow up samples 7 days later if yellow, 10 days later if white and 14 days later if clear wormers used. If resistance is suspected from these results, then full faecal egg count reduction tests should be performed. Please continue to follow SCOPS principles by rotating traditional wormer classes and adopting the new classes. Once yearly treatment with Zolvix/startect helps delay resistance to the traditional classes appearing on farm. Alongside their use as a quarantine dose for purchased animals, we frequently advise these as post weaning treatment.

Fly Control – Whether using the IGR products (Clik) or SP products (Ectofly) for protection against flies, it is important to follow application instructions closely. They have very different modes of action and spread so use the correct nozzles and application method to avoid problems and wasted money. Sheep must be clean for application - always remove any soiled fleece.

SEE OUR
UPDATED
LIST OF VPS
PRODUCTS
FOR SPRING
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Spring VPS Products 2020

PRODUCT	USE	ADMINISTRATION	WITHDRAWAL
 Enovex Pour On	Ivermectin pour on for the control of adult and inhibited larval stage roundworms, mange mites and sucking lice in cattle.	Pour on 1ml per 10kg	Cattle Meat- 28days Milk - > 60days
 Eprizero Pour on	Eprinomectin pour on for the control of adult and inhibited larval stage roundworms, mange mites and lice in dairy cattle.	Pour on 1ml per 10kg	Cattle Meat- 28 days Milk- 0 hours
 Taurador Pour For cattle	Doramectin pour on for the control of roundworms, mange mites and lice in cattle for up to 5 weeks	Pour on 1ml per 10kg	Cattle Meat- 49days Milk - > 60 days
 Noromectin 0.08% drench For sheep	Ivermectin (clear) drench for the control of adult and inhibited larval roundworms in sheep	Drench- 2.5mls per 10kg	Sheep Meat- 14 days
 Levacur SC	Levamisole (yellow) drench for the control of adult and developing roundworms in cattle and sheep	Drench- 2.ml / 10kg	Sheep Meat –20 days Cattle Meat- 20 days
 Endospec 2.5 %	Albendazole (white) drench for the control of roundworms, tapeworms and adult liver fluke in sheep	Drench- see pack for info	Sheep Meat – 4 days
 Spotinor 10mg/ml	Deltamethrin spot on for prevention of flies in cattle and treatment of established blowfly strike and ticks in sheep	Spot on Cattle – 10mls Ewes- 5ml	Cattle Meat – 17 days Sheep Meat – 35 days
 Ectofly	Cypermethrin solution for the treatment and prevention of blowfly strike, ticks and lice in sheep	See pack for details	Sheep Meat- 8 days

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