



# Newsletter



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## PREGSURE BVD VACCINE

- We are changing out BVD vaccine to Pregsure from Pfizer, as we consider Pregsure to be the best BVD vaccine currently available.
- The cost will be about the same and you will still get a free second dose for heifers (and 'start up' herds).
- The dose is 2mls subcutaneous with a three week interval between doses.
- No problem with using it as an annual booster in existing BVD vaccinating herds.



## NEW MASTITIS TUBE

- ◆ Boehringer—Ingelheim have brought out a brand new mastitis tube called UBROLEXIN.
- ◆ It combines the well proven antibiotic 'Cephalexin' (found in Cephaguard) with another antibiotic 'Kanamycin' which is seriously bad news if you are a mastitis bacteria.
- ◆ The course is two tubes at 24 hour intervals.
- ◆ Milk withhold 5 days.

## LAMENESS MEETING

This well attended meeting at Swingdon Farm, Ashwater highlighted a few key points in the control of cattle lameness. Top of the list were:

- Regular and EARLY foot trimming i.e. looking at feet on THE DAY YOU FIRST NOTICE THEM TO BE LAME.
- Regular footbathing.
- Cow tracks, cubicle comfort, feed presentation.
- Energy and protein imbalance were of minor significance.

## JOHNE'S & NEOSPORA MEETING FOR FARMERS

- ◆ Organised and presented by the Moredun Institute.
- ◆ Holsworthy Memorial Hall, Tuesday 11th November 7.30pm
- ◆ Open to all—just turn up.



## NEW VETS

We would like to welcome MARY SALMONS who is a new graduate at our Stratton branch. Also Jonathan Chapman who comes from Week St Mary and is already a familiar face to many of our Bradworthy clients as he started there a couple of months ago after graduating from Edinburgh university.



## CHICKEN WORMER IN A CONVENIENT PACK

- ◆ Free range and deep litter chickens are commonly affected with a wide range of worms.
- ◆ They should be treated for worms every three months.
- ◆ FLUBENVET from Janssen Animal Health is now available in a 60g pack— enough to treat 20 chickens.
- ◆ Zero egg withdrawal.



## FLUKE WORMING

The risk is HIGH this year. All cattle and sheep should be treated. You can test for exposure to fluke using bulk milk or individual blood samples. Organic producers should demonstrate a necessity to treat their stock.

## SHEEP LAMENESS MEETING

- ◆ **CHANGE OF DATE—24th November**
- ◆ The venue is STONEY FARM, Northlew, courtesy of The Dufty Brothers, organised by EBLEX. Starting at 1.00pm.
- ◆ The speakers are our own vet Wendy Van Winden and Paul Williams of Intervet-Schering Plough.
- ◆ How to identify the problem and cause, of individual sheep or the whole flock.