



Farm News

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Happy New Year to all our clients.

BVD Meeting



What is the BVDFree scheme?

BVDFree is a National scheme that was launched on 1 July 2016 in England. The aim of this scheme is to achieve the eradication of Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (BVD) virus from all cattle herds in the country.

Why do we need BVDFree England?

BVDFree England is an industry-led scheme. By taking a coordinated approach across the cattle industry, this scheme will make BVD elimination possible.

Date: Thursday 12th January 2017
Time: Food from 19:30,
Venue: Dairy Ring, Holsworthy Market

Agenda

- Derek Armstrong, Lead Veterinary Science Expert AHDB Dairy "BVD Free England"
- "Eradicating BVD on Farm" – local farmer and vet case studies (beef & dairy) including Dan Forrester from Penbode Vets
- Mark Bromell, Kivells "An auctioneer's perspective"

To book your place please e mail Kate Harris at ke.events@ahdb.org.uk or call 01904 771211

Disease alert

Schmallenberg Virus Recurrence

Some of our early lambing sheep flocks have experienced deformities in newborn lambs which have been confirmed as being due to Schmallenberg Virus. These problems may continue into the New Year. This infection would have been spread by biting midges in the late summer and possibly into winter (given how warm it has been). Unfortunately, there is a risk that pregnant cows infected at the same time may give birth to deformed calves this Spring.

Event review



Penbode Annual Client Christmas Event

Over 100 Penbode Farm and Equine clients enjoyed a great lamb roast, cheese and biscuits, washed down with a super Christmas punch prior to watching the Bude RFC v. Exeter University RFC match. The visitors beat Bude 41 -17 in a much closer result than their previous meeting where Exeter thrashed Bude 83-5. We don't know if it was the lure of the lamb or the great support from the Penbode clients which spurred them on!

Kivells Christmas Cracker Dairy Event



Penbode Farm Vets and Kivells Auctioneers distributed hot drinks and mince pies to the farmers, sellers and buyers at Hallworthy Market. Penbode co-sponsored the Dairy Classes which was dominated by the cows and heifers of Mr AD Bray of St. Martin, Helston.



Penbode Farm VetTechs



Megan Brooking and **Lisa Honey** are Suitably Qualified Persons (SQPs) and VetTechs who are able to carry out a variety of essential on farm services which can deliver the **same high quality you would expect from Penbode Farm Vets but at a cheaper price.**

Your vet may suggest that a VetTech visits your farm to carry out specific jobs. You can then make the appointment at your convenience.

What Penbode Farm VetTechs can do for your herd.

Mobility scoring We recommend that this is done at least monthly. VetTechs can assess your herd's level of lameness on the 0-3 scale. The results are fed back to your routine vet and to your Farm Assurance scheme (if necessary). Mobility scoring by a VetTech costs £25 for the first 50 cattle and £15 for each 50 thereafter.

Vaccinate Provided that the vaccine has been bought from Penbode, our VetTechs are able to **vaccinate livestock for £15 per hour.**

Disbud calves £5 per calf of <8 weeks for a minimum of 10 calves plus medicines. *Note: A vet as well as one of our VetTechs will attend in order to carry out the disbudding unaided, thereby freeing up the farmer's time for other (more important) tasks.*

The following services are available for £30 per hour and no call out fee.

Body condition scoring We recommend that this is done monthly. We look at cows at the key points of their lactation cycle (drying off, pre-calving, peak yield) on the 1-5 scale, so as to monitor how well the cow's diet is meeting her needs.

Teat scoring Should be carried out quarterly. We can assess the impact of your milking parlour on your cow's teats, as an aid to reducing mastitis and somatic cell count (SCC). The results are fed back to your routine vet.

Blood sample VetTechs can monitor for any infectious disease. Health schemes require annual blood sample of stock enrolled in the scheme. *Note: A lab fee is attached to analysis of samples.*

Milk sample We can take a milk sample for bacterial culture to inform treatment decisions for clinical cases and high cell count cases, and for Q-Scout to inform drying off decisions. *Note: A lab fee is attached to analysis of samples.*

Weigh calves VetTechs can measure calves and take blood samples for assessment of transfer of colostrum as part of the **XL Vets Calf Tracker Scheme.**

Elanco Vital90 reviews VetTechs are able to assess the cow's environment and score the farm for how risky or how good their transition period is likely to be (see **December's Newsletter** for more information).

Special Offers

All Special Offer prices are for cash or DD payment.
(Valid to 31/1/2017)



Leptavoid H 25 dose £36.50

Endofluke 10% 5l now only £70

Bimectin Plus (Super) Injection 1.25l only £125

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Venue
12-Jan	AHDB BVD Free meeting	Holsworthy
1-Feb	Sheep Lameness Meeting	Bickford Arms
6-Feb	Penbode Lambing Course	Holsworthy