

Dear Farmer,

Welcome to the February edition of our farm newsletter. As always if there are any topics you would like to see in the newsletter please let us know.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW VET POLLY

Polly Vogel has joined us after spending six months at Powderham Vets following her graduation from Liverpool University in July 2017. Polly grew up in the area and carried out some of her clinical placement with us. She also has a degree in Animal Science and PGCE in primary teaching. She has also worked at Newquay Zoo for 2 years as an education officer. In her spare time

she enjoys riding her horse Archie and walking Danny, her Collie cross.

Polly joined us in early January and carried out a few weeks induction before joining the other four full time vets on the rota. She is looking forward to meeting our farm clients and carrying out plenty of large animal and equine work.

As we now have a five full-time and two part-time vet team we hope to catch up on what seems to be a never-ending list of TB testing and various other veterinary work. Ulli has seized the moment and has taken the decision to reduce his working hours, no longer being available on Wednesdays. We hope this change will mean he will not be forced into early retirement.

ARE YOUR HERD AND FLOCK HEALTH PLANS UP TO DATE?

Health planning is an essential tool for improving profitability and animal health. Many farmers will already have existing herd and/or flock health plans in place. These plans are most effective when accurate records are kept and therefore should be reassessed annually by a vet to ensure management and preventative measures can be implemented on farm. Remember that prevention is better than cure and much less costly.

Don' t Forget..

- Get medicine cupboard ready for lambing time
- Create isolation area for aborted ewes and consider testing
- Heptavac-P breeding ewes 4-6 weeks prior to lambing
- Remain vigilant against housed cattle and pneumonia

Farm Client Meeting CATTLE FERTILITY MANAGEMENT

Tuesday 6th March 2018, 7:30pm
At Bovey Tracey Golf Centre
Hot Pot and a Pint

- Advice from experts in the field of cattle reproduction, Ceva Animal Health
- Improve your farms reproduction profitability
- Streamline your calving pattern and reduce culling

Free of charge for MVG Clients

To book a place contact Lottie on 01626 833023 or email moorgatevets@btconnect.com

Please inform us if you have any specific dietary requirements

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BIRD FLU

Avian Influenza or bird flu has recently been found in wild birds in this country. Bird flu is also present in Europe, and wild bird migration brings birds to the UK from areas where we know highly pathogenic bird flu is present.

Therefore From the 18th January 2018, an Avian Influenza Prevention Zone was put in place for everyone who keeps poultry or captive birds in England. From 25 January 2018 a similar Prevention Zone was put in place in Wales. If you keep poultry or birds, you must follow strict biosecurity requirements set by the APHA, whether you have commercial flocks or just a few birds in a backyard flock.

If you keep birds then you can continue to allow your birds outdoors into fenced areas, but only if these areas meet certain conditions including:

- you have made the areas unattractive to wild birds, for example by netting ponds, and by removing wild bird food sources
- you have taken action to reduce any existing contamination, such as cleansing and disinfecting concrete areas, and fencing off wet or boggy areas
- you have assessed the risk of birds coming into contact with wild birds or contamination from them

If you keep more than 500 birds, you must take some extra biosecurity measures, you will need to consult with the APHA.

Please note that the information provided is correct at the time we write this newsletter (01.02.18). If you keep birds ensure you keep up to date with the recent bird flu outbreak by visiting: www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu.

Anyone who finds dead wild birds should report them to the Defra helpline on 03459 33 55 77.

LAMBING CLUB

We are again this year offering a discount scheme to sheep farmers. Our Lambing Club has proven successful over the last few years with many clients taking up the scheme and saving money. We often see lambings after the ewe has been struggling for several hours and we hope that this scheme will not only save money but encourage farmers to call the vet for help sooner, therefore resulting in better outcomes.

Join today to receive the following benefits.....

- **All lambings seen during our opening hours are FREE**

This includes prolapses as a result of pregnancy/birth and inductions.

- **All lambings seen out of hours are HALF PRICE**

This also includes prolapses as a result of pregnancy/birth and inductions.

- **All Ewe Caesareans are HALF PRICE**

- **10% Discount on lambing supplies**

Lambing ropes, lubricants, disinfectants, colostrum & lamb feeders

Drug and Visit fees are charged as normal.

All discounts will be applied once membership has been paid in full.

Annual Membership Fees are based on the previous year's usage:

Less than 8 lambings, caesars or prolapses

£60.00 + VAT

8 or more

£110.00 + VAT

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