

## NEWSLETTER JULY 2010



**Dear Client,**

### **Animal Health & Welfare Programme**

Some of you will already be aware of funding which is available under this scheme run by the NWDA. The aim is to set up a fully compliant computer-based health plan.

An agricultural advisor and your vet will be involved in the process, during which your current herd / flock performance will be assessed. As part of the scheme money is available for lab testing (blood, milk, faeces, etc) to investigate any relevant health problems identified.

An Action Plan will be drawn up which aims to address some of the more important issues on your farm, both those affecting animal health and welfare and those most affecting profitability.

### **NWDA Performance Grants**

Once you have your health plan in place you may be eligible for a performance grant from the NWDA.

Grants are available towards certain capital projects which specifically focus on health and welfare. Grants have already been approved locally for comfort cubicles, cow mattresses, back-flush systems, automatic heat detection systems, handling facilities, rubber floor-matting, automatic calf feeders.....etc.

For more information on these schemes please contact the practice.

### **Sheep Vaccination**

#### Toxovax

Manufacturing problems have resulted in us only receiving half our quota. No more is being produced until 2011. Please place your order as soon as you know your numbers.

#### Enzovac

Enzovac Is also experiencing manufacturing problems but we have a good supply of the alternative Cevac Chlamydia.

Both vaccines must be given at least one month before tupping and can be given at the same time but different sites.