

NEWSLETTER

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DEAR CLIENT

DIY AI Training Course

We will be running another DIY AI training course the week beginning Monday 11th October.

The course runs over four days and covers all aspects of cattle fertility, heat detection and the insemination technique. The course is DEFRA approved with all successful trainees getting a certificate at the end.

Anyone interested in attending should ring the practice for more details.

If you would like to attend but are unable to this time please let us know as we will probably be holding another course over the winter months.

Pneumonia

The Surecalf programme developed by Pfizer in Scotland is expanding into Northern England. The scheme requires that suckler calves are vaccinated twice with Rispoval 4, three weeks apart and at least two weeks before the sale.

The final step is to register the animals to obtain a declaration, which can be used as an indicator of health status for potential buyers.



Visit the Surecalf website for more information www.surecalf.co.uk

Rispoval Intranasa has now been approved for use in calves from nine days old. This is followed by Rispoval 4 at nine and twelve weeks of age.

Staff Changes

Dan leaves us at the end of October to work for Pfizer but will still work for us at weekends.

In his place will be Iain Steele who has worked for the last two years on the west coast of Scotland.



VLA – Lab Changes

The changes in government funding of the VLA result in a major change to pricing of post mortems and aborted foetuses from 01/10/2010.

At present DEFRA heavily subsidises the service as the results are used for national surveillance of emerging and existing disease in livestock in the UK. All samples now are charged a Disposal Fee in addition to the PM Fee.

The new charging system requires us to discuss cases with the vets at the lab **before** the carcasses / aborted foetuses are taken to Penrith. They then decide if they meet the criteria for a subsidised cost or are to be charged at full commercial rate. The difference is hundreds of pounds per case.

So do not take the carcase direct to the lab but discuss the problem with one of our practice vets first to find the cheapest way of investigating the problem.