

## NEWSLETTER JUNE 2009



**Dear Client,**

### **R.D.P.E. North West Livestock Programme**

Many of you will be aware of the funding which will be available under the Animal Health and Welfare Project.

As a precondition to this funding, an assessment of the health and welfare of animals on your farm will be carried out by one of your own vets. Before we can assist you in this we are required to attend several training courses. Belle Vue Vets will be in the second phase of training for this project which takes place in October.

If you have any questions speak to George or Alistair.

### **DIY AI training Course**

We are holding another AI training course in June from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested should contact the practice as soon as possible as places are limited.

### **Bluetongue Vaccine**

The stock of DEFRA bluetongue vaccine, which is available at a reduced rate of 35p per dose goes out of date mid-June. If you are considering vaccination and want to take advantage of the reduced price please do so soon. It is likely that the cost of bluetongue vaccines will rise again after this date.

Bluetongue has already been confirmed in France this year, both BTV-1 and BTV-8. With a good summer predicted the conditions will be right for the midges which transmit bluetongue disease to spread over the Channel again. Although not possible to vaccinate against BTV-1 yet, you can protect your stock against BTV-8.

### **Ubro Yellow MC and Tetra Delta**

The two manufacturers of these products are experiencing problems in sourcing one of the common main ingredients. They warn us that once existing stocks are used up there will be none available until winter 2009. We have managed to get a large stock of Tetra Delta but have very little Ubro Yellow.