

Are You Ready For Lambing? - We Are!



Lambing time is now here so we've got the large animal area stocked up ready for lambing season.

The benefits of bringing lambings to the practice are:

- ◆ Fully equipped, purpose-built large animal area
- ◆ Hygienic operating conditions for lambings and surgery
- ◆ Hydraulic lifting table
- ◆ Cost benefit due to no visit fee
- ◆ Quicker response time
- ◆ Well lit for surgical procedures like prolapses and C-sections.



As usual we have available everything you might need for lambing time including;

Navel sprays, Disinfectants, Disposable Gloves, Lubricant, Lambing Aids, Castration Rings & Pliers, Marker Sprays, Lamb Macs, Feeder Bottles and Lamb Colostrum.

Herd Health Plans

If you have an inspection due and require a health plan please let us know as soon as possible so that we can begin the process of reviewing it. There is now a lot of information which we need from you before we can produce your plan. Sometimes this information isn't readily available so please don't leave it to the last minute before requesting a health plan review.



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Colostrum Management

Disease prevention begins the moment the calf is born, with colostrum. It contains many nutrients, but also ANTIBODIES – the first line of defence against infections. This is the most important meal the calf will ever get, so it is important to get it right. For effective colostrum management, follow **the 3 Q's**:

Quality, Quantity, Quickly.

Quality

milk ASAP (within 6 hours) , quality reduces rapidly after calving. make sure this is the cow's first milking – don't let other calves suck prior to calving (snatch calves to avoid this)

measure quality with a **colostrometer** – keep frozen colostrum of good quality from Johne's-free cows—warm to 20°C



HYGIENE –clean dry bedding, pre-milking teat disinfection, properly cleaned buckets/ lids/teats etc.

Quantity

10% bodyweight (3-4 litres/ 6 pints for average dairy calf), more required if poorer quality colostrum

Quickly

Absorption of colostrum by the calf reduces rapidly in the first few hours of life – give within the first 6 hours.

ARTIFICIAL COLOSTRUM

There are situations where fresh or stored colostrum is not available. We have high quality dried colostrum sachets available for calves and lambs. Provita colostrum is formulated to provide the immunity vitamins, probiotics and nutrition a new born lamb or calf needs.



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ARTIFICIAL COLOSTRUM

Special Offers

20% off a bucket of 6 sachets for calves
(normally £79.76 Ex VAT)

NOW ONLY £63.81

A box of 12 sachets for lambs
(normally £30.60 Ex VAT)

NOW ONLY £24.48



Financial Penalties for Overdue TB Testing

All types of TB test, apart from private or tracing tests, with a starting date from 1st January 2015 must now be completed by the end of the testing window to avoid financial penalties.



This means that the last eligible animal on the holding must have its test read by that date to avoid the RPA withholding a percentage of any CAP payment. Deductions are on a sliding scale.

As always, we urge you to contact us as soon as you receive your testing notification to agree a mutually convenient date.

Farm Discount Scheme



DON'T MISS OUT



To receive excellent discount on a range of drugs and vaccines, simply pay last month's bill **BEFORE** the end of this month.