

TRAINING COURSES

Medicines Course

We were due to hold a **Responsible Use of Medicines Course** for farmers during the Covid lockdown. It seems unlikely that we will be able to host such training courses in the near future due to restrictions placed on numbers attending. Therefore, we will be going digital and hosting the next event over the internet.



This is planned for the afternoon of Wednesday 30th September. Please get in touch to reserve a place.

AI Training Courses

Cattle AI training courses were another casualty of the Covid restrictions, however, we cannot conduct these over the internet.

If anyone is interested in AI training please do get in touch as we can offer this on an individual basis rather than in group sessions.



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For non-urgent medical queries

For administration queries

Appointments are made by telephone only

FARM DISCOUNT SCHEME

Excellent discounts on selected drugs / vaccines when accounts are paid before the end of the month.

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AUTUMNAL WEATHER

With any luck, most of you will by now have been able to get in the majority of your silage, hay and harvest. The weather has not been the best for harvesting this year but we just have to make the best of it.

The long spells of unsettled weather not only signal the end of summer but also the start of the staggers season (see p.3) and autumn is also the traditional period where livestock are most at risk from liver fluke (see p.2).



SHEEP VACCINES

Now is the time to vaccinate your breeding sheep against EAE (enzootic abortion) and toxoplasmosis - BEFORE they go to the tup.

Please order Cevac and Tovovax by phoning on 016973 42174

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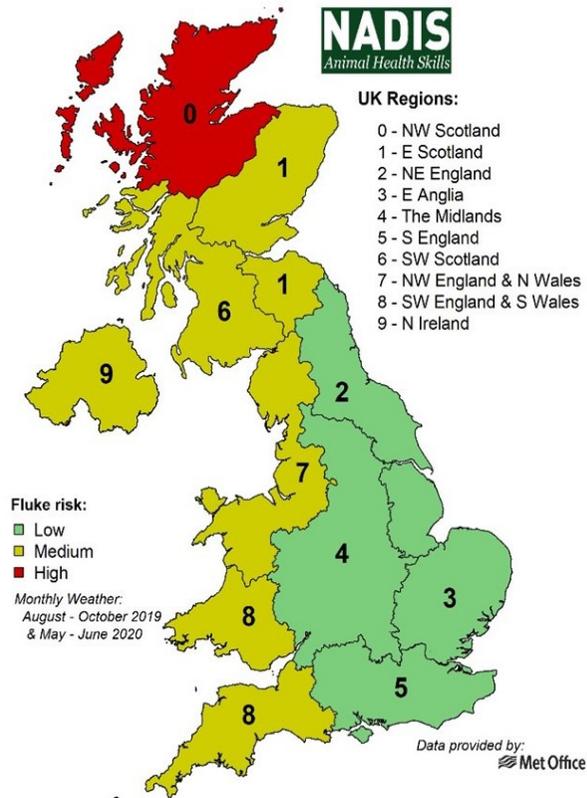
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SUMMER FLUKE FORECAST

The summer fluke forecast this year for our region is 'moderate'. This means we need to be vigilant and if you have land which is wet and often described as 'flukey' it is likely you are going to need to treat for fluke at some point over the next few months. Within the practice, we are going to be running some of our own testing on farms, to see when lambs are being exposed to fluke, to get a good idea on the correct timing for fluke treatment. Fluke can affect both sheep and cattle, however you are more likely to see acute infection causing death in sheep. The product to use at this time of the year is triclabendazole. There is resistance developing to this product; if you have any concerns please have a chat to one of the vets about fluke testing and resistance testing.



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GRASS STAGGERS (HYPOMAGNESAEMIA)

One of the true emergencies in cattle practice is grass staggers.

Affected cattle often show a lack of coordination and can be either up or down. Staggers is also a recognised cause of sudden death in cattle, particularly in spring and autumn.



Magnesium is vital to the functioning of the body. It is required for muscular contraction (including the heart) and the transmission of nerve impulses throughout the body.

As magnesium cannot be stored in the body cattle must have ready access to dietary magnesium on a daily basis.

Treatment

Intravenous calcium and magnesium given under the skin is the recognised treatment. Sedation can also be given to control any convulsions. Even with prompt attention treatment is not always successful.

Prevention

Ensure grazing cows are supplemented with magnesium via feeding, licks or boluses.

