

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.



TOTAL DAIRY EXPO 11th MARCH 2016

The Shepherds Conference Centre, Carlisle. The event is organised in conjunction with the UK Dairy Expo at Borderway Market, which takes place on the following day. Tickets are now available.



Prices (Ex VAT)

Farmer £40 (Groups of 4 or more farmers receive a discounted rate)
Industry £90 info@totaldairy.com - Call 01768 877 094

FINANCIAL YEAR END

Please keep all your Invoices/Statements/Credit Notes
These will provide all the information you will need for the
Financial Year End. They also show all the batch numbers of
drugs used for your Medicine Book

ASK ABOUT OUR FARM DISCOUNT SCHEME

Pay the monthly invoice **before** the end of the month
to receive excellent discounts on drugs/vaccines

LOCAL and INDEPENDENT since 1919

BELLE VUE VETS LIMITED MARCH 2016



1. Calf Pneumonia
2. Drug Updates (Huskvac/Mamyzin/Halocur)
3. Vink Calving Aid
4. Abortion in Sheep
5. Are you ready for Lambing?
6. Total Dairy Expo
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CALF PNEUMONIA

With the mild weather, there is a risk of pneumonia. Environment, ventilation, drainage and bedding are key. The spread and impact of pneumonia can be reduced with the appropriate use of vaccines.

Rispoval 4 covers 4 different viruses and is suitable for calves 3 months or above (can be used from 3 weeks with a 3rd injection).

Rispoval RS & PI3 Intranasal can be used from one week

**SINGLE DOSE VIALS OF INTRANSAAL VACCINE ARE NOW AVAILABLE
THE PACK CONTAINS 5 DOSES (5 X 1 dose)**

Ask a vet if you would like more information about pneumonia vaccination as a new bacterial vaccine is now available.

DRUG UPDATES

DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR HUSKVAC

MAMYZIN

Has returned! This is the recommended treatment of choice for relapsing Strep. Uberis infections.



HALOCUR

Now available in 980ml size which works out cheaper than 2 x 490ml sizes.

VINK STANDARD HEAD CALVING AID 1800

Manufactured from stainless steel with either a **1.6m** or **1.8m** shaft. The **pivoting fork design** with side holding bars over the cow's rump means the aid cannot slip off when pulling commences yet can be moved sideways up to 30 degrees - thus, there is no need for a second pair of hands to hold the calving aid in place.

The vink calving aid can also be supplied as a heavy duty model for larger continental cattle (Beef).

A zig-zag version that pulls each leg 5cm to 8cm in turn is also available (Alternate Traction).

We can also supply all spare parts for your Vink Calving Aid and we stock Vink Calving Ropes.



**In stock and
ONLY
£195.95**

ABORTION IN SHEEP

Recently a number of clients have reported abortions in their flocks. Abortion is common but should not be accepted as inevitable.

So what can we do...??

Isolate aborted ewes for 4 weeks from rest of flock

Burn infected bedding and thoroughly disinfect lambing pens

Submit foetus and placenta for Post Mortem to reach diagnosis

Vaccinate against EAE and Toxoplasma

Keep all feed protected from contamination by cat faeces

Causes of abortion

1. Enzootic Abortion (EAE)
2. Toxoplasma
3. Listeria
4. Campylobacter
5. Border Disease



Toxoplasmosis

Sheep are infected by ingestion of infective cat faeces

Infection in early pregnancy will cause more returns to service at irregular intervals and an increased barren rate

Infection in later pregnancy may result in mummification, aborted foetuses or weak lambs

Pre-tupping vaccination offers best chance of control. Antibiotics will have no effect in face of outbreak

Lambs fostered onto aborted ewes should not be kept for future breeding. This is especially the case if EAE has been diagnosed

Enzootic abortion (chlamydophila)

- Spread through infected vaginal secretions and placenta at lambing
- Normally infection picked up one year will cause abortion at the next lambing
- Birth of fresh dead or weak live lambs in last 3 weeks of pregnancy
- Vaccination before tupping gives good control but will not prevent abortions in animals already infected
- Whole flock treatment with Oxy-tetracycline in the face of an outbreak may reduce the number of abortions