

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.



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 INTRANASAL 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.

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**

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DOG MICROCHIPPING OFFER



From 6th April 2016 your dog(s) must be microchipped by **LAW**.

From now until 31st May 2016 we are offering a special price of only £10 plus VAT (normally £15.30 plus VAT)



Please contact the practice to make an appointment. We hold microchipping clinics each afternoon between 2:00 and 4:40.

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
ONLY
£195.95**

POST MOVEMENT TB TESTING OF CATTLE

Cumbria is within the Low Risk Area (LRA) for TB in England.

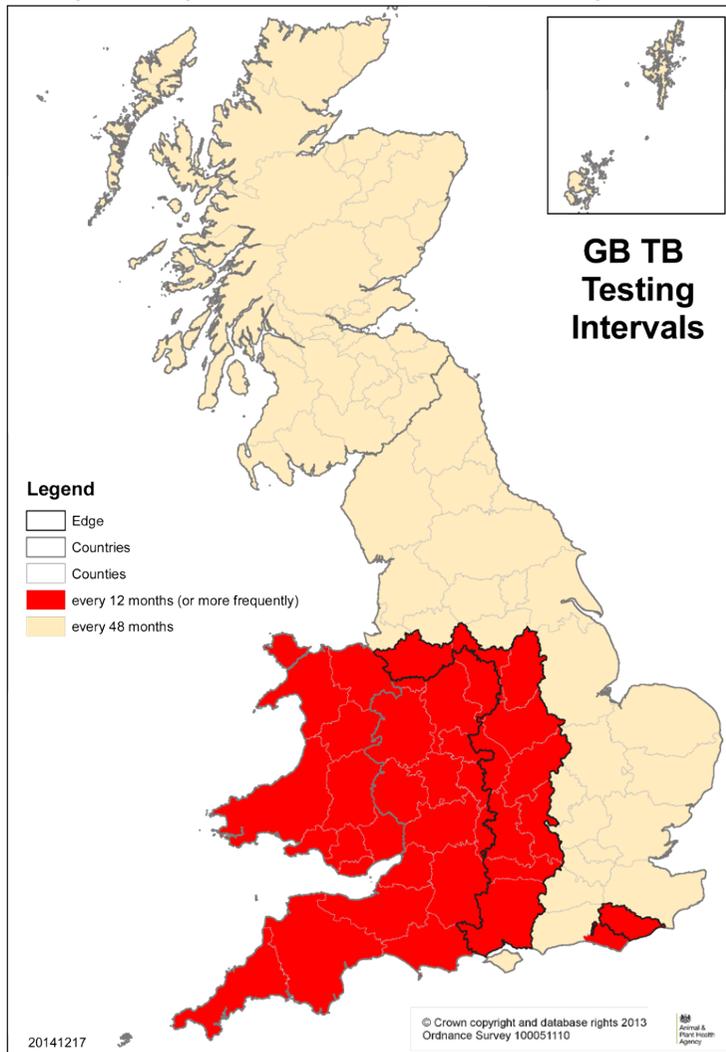
With effect from 6th April 2016 post-movement TB testing of cattle entering the Low Risk Area from other parts of England and Wales will be required.

The test must be carried out between 60 and 120 days post-movement. It will be your responsibility to arrange these tests with us. DEFRA will not send you or us any notification that they are due.

Failure to conduct these tests will result in movement restrictions and possible cross-compliance penalties. Please see the map for counties currently classed as high and low risk.

More information is available at www.tbhub.co.uk

FARM DISCOUNT SCHEME
Pay your invoice **before** the month end
to receive excellent discounts on drugs
and vaccines



TWIN LAMB DISEASE

Introduction: - Twin lamb disease or Pregnancy Toxaemia is Usually seen in low-land flocks in ewe's carrying three or more lambs and in their last month of gestation.

It occurs after a period of energy shortage in the Body, usually due to a poor quality of roughage, inadequate concentrate intake, or high energy demand from the foetus. This is usually why it is seen in sheep carrying multiple lambs.



Clinical Signs:

Isolation and Depression
Down and unable to rise
Blindness

Not eating
Muscle Tremors
Head Pressing



Treatment: - Palatable feeds to promote appetite, use fresh water

- Drench with propylene glycol
- Intravenous glucose injection
- Steroid injection (Colvasone or Voren) to induce lambing or abortion.

Response to treatment is often poor even when the disease is detected early (i.e. still standing.) Less than 30% of cases respond to Propylene Glycol and intravenous glucose alone. Often Stimulating abortion or lambing, if close enough to full term, is the only way to spare the ewe.

Unfortunately in severe cases euthanasia needs to be considered.

Prevention: - Ultimately prevention is better than treatment so close monitoring of ewes with a low body condition score and ewes which have been scanned with multiple lambs is important. Feeding a high energy diet to ewes within the last 6 weeks of gestation is a must. The quantity is dependant on the BCS, the number of lambs being carried by the ewe as well as forage quality, it therefore may be worth considering forage analysis to get this vital diet correct.