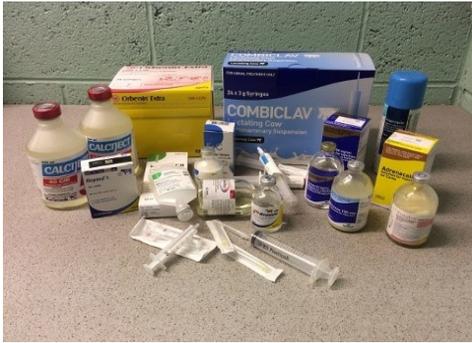


FARMER TRAINING

We will be running another course on the Safe & Responsible Use of Medicines on **Wednesday 1st August** starting at 10am.



SAFE & RESPONSIBLE USE OF MEDICINES

Red Tractor Farm Assurance now recommends that farmers have undertaken formal training in medicine use.

This one day course will focus on safe handling, storage and responsible use of medicines on farms.

Please contact the practice as soon as possible to reserve your place.

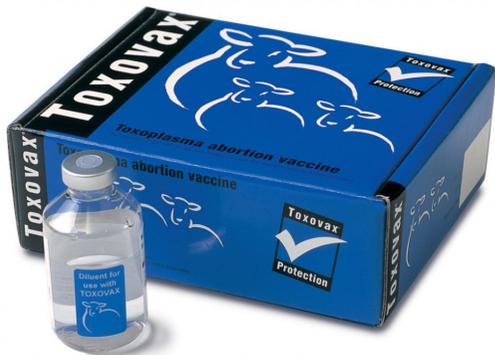
TOXOVAX

As you are all aware, Toxovax comes with an extremely short shelf life, which can make life difficult for the user.

But it also makes it difficult for MSD, the manufacturer. Each bottle is produced to order and MSD are finding that the ever increasing demand during the months of September and October is really stretching their manufacturing capacity.

MSD are keen to reduce this pressure by offering a **5% discount for orders placed in July or August.**

We realise that this may not be too practical or realistic for many farmers in this area, but the offer is there nevertheless. If you want to take advantage of this offer please contact the practice.



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CRITICALLY IMPORTANT ANTIBIOTICS

The issues of antibiotic resistance and pressure from government to reduce their use has meant that there are now some restrictions on the type of antibiotic which can be prescribed.

Under the Red Tractor Schemes, which most of you will be signed up with through your dairy company or for beef and lamb production, you are no longer able to use certain medicines without some proof that they are required.

A veterinary diagnosis and sensitivity testing (by sending samples to the lab) are required to prove that they work and no other drug is effective..

The drugs which you may have been using include; **Cevaxcel, Naxcel, Cephaguard DC, Cobactan MC** and **injection, Excenel** and **Marbox**

These drugs will no longer be dispensed without a veterinary examination and testing.



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The Teaser Effect: Vasectomised Rams



Vasectomisation of rams (teaser tups) is a very useful, non-chemical method of synchronisation of ewes. This means when the working tup is introduced all ewes are producing eggs and ready to be served. Therefore, farms will be able to achieve a more compact lambing when the time comes, more consistent lambs for sale and easier flock management.



The ideal teaser is a fit and healthy virile ram. All ewes should be kept separate from males — including ram lambs for several weeks prior to introduction of the teaser tup. The teaser tup is then introduced and left with the ewes for two weeks. The working rams are then introduced and the teasers removed. Leaving the teasers in can reduce conception rates!

You should introduce 1 working ram per 20-30 ewes when using the teaser effect.

Now is the time to get rams vasectomised! The surgery is a very simple one and it is well worth considering for the benefits it can bring. Contact the surgery now to get your rams booked in or simply speak to a vet about the use of teasers in more detail.

FARM DISCOUNT SCHEME

Bills that are paid before the end of the month attract excellent discounts on a range of drugs and vaccines

DO YOU KNOW YOUR BVD STATUS . . . ?

BVD is responsible for much more than the Persistently Infected (PI) calf that does poorly, amongst other things it can:

- Cause abortion or early embryonic loss, resulting in economic losses through less milk or fewer calves to sell.
- Cause stunted/deformed calves to be born, or PI calves which may look normal but will constantly spread the virus throughout their life.
- Cause irreparable damage to the immune system if it infects a young calf, making that calf more prone to disease throughout its lifetime.
- Interact with some causes of scour making them more serious.
- Affect the sperm quality of breeding bulls for up to 3 months

If you currently don't know whether BVD is on your farm there are a number of ways that you can find out - bulk milk samples, blood samples and tag testing can all be used depending on the circumstances.

There are two cost-effective and reliable vaccines available, Bovilis BVD and Bovela.

Please speak to one of the vets about which would be suitable for your herd.

