

# THREE RIVERS VETERINARY GROUP

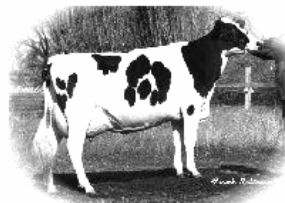
## FARM ANIMAL PRACTICE

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## CATTLE PRACTICE.

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**For those of you who use Huskvac now is the time to be planning your spring vaccination program, we can give you free advice and planning for your farm under the NADIS scheme; please contact us to arrange this.**

### Bluetongue UK Situation.

On 12<sup>th</sup> June 2010, Scotland, England and Wales moved into a Lower Risk Protection Zone (LRZ) for BTV-8.

This LRZ provides some increased protection against imports from higher risk zones and is being viewed as the first move towards disease freedom.

There were no outbreaks of BTV in the UK in 2010 and no evidence of bluetongue virus circulation in the winter of 2009. Further testing was to be carried out in 2010 but the results have not yet been reported.

Between April and October 2010, new outbreaks of BTV were reported in Greece, Cyprus, Italy, Portugal and Spain.

In the UK We must not be complacent. We need to continue to take steps to keep disease out, so that we maintain a good chance of becoming free and removing our BTV zones and trade restrictions.

Vaccination played a key role in keeping us free from circulating bluetongue disease in 2008 - 2010 and will provide the greatest security against loss, should there be a resurgence of disease in 2011.

Vaccination before the start of the risk period or when the midges and disease become active is still being recommended by NFU and DEFRA.. For those who vaccinated last year, a reminder that only a single vaccination booster is required in both cattle and sheep.

It is vital that we continue to remain vigilant for signs of disease. Suspicion of disease must be notified immediately to your local DEFRA Animal Health Office.

We will not be actively campaigning for you to vaccinate this year, and leave the decision to each farmer to make in the light of the above information.

### **Bluetongue vaccine offer:**

Merial BTV pur8 vaccine:

- 100 ml/dose bottles are £39.19 + vat or 39p a dose - vaccine expires 14.04.2011.
- 50 ml/dose bottles are £21.59 + vat or 43p a dose - expires 18.05.2011.

The availability of further supplies this year is not known.

### **Fitting in all the Pre-Turn-Out Medications and Vaccinations.**

Here are some do's and don'ts to help you to plan ahead:

#### **1. Vaccines which need to be planned:**

##### • **Bluetongue vaccine.**

You could give worm boluses, drenches, pour-on preparations and Trodax (for fluke) with this vaccine but not injectable Ivermectins. In some circumstances we are able to advise concurrent use with other vaccines on a case by case basis. So please ask our advice.

##### • **Huskvac vaccine.**

No other vaccine or wormer (it will destroy the live larvae in the vaccine) should be given at the same time or for a two week period afterwards.

#### **2. Vaccines which can be given together (at different sites):**

- Leptavoid H vaccine.
- Bovilis BVD vaccine.
- Bovilis IBR marker vaccine.

#### **3. Worming and Fluke preparations.**

- **Trodax injection for fluke.**

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This can be given at the same time as vaccines and other worming preparations.

- **Closamectin injection.**

This product contains an Ivermectin as well as a fluke treatment and is not recommended for use at the same time as any vaccine.

- **Closamectin Pour-on.**

This product can be used at the same time as all vaccines except Huskvac.

- **Ivermectin injections.**

These products are not recommended for use at the same time as any other vaccine.

- **Ivermectin Pour – on products.**

These can be used at the same time as fluke treatments and vaccines except Huskvac.

## **Important Information re Leptospirosis vaccination.**

Do any of these apply to you?

- buy in cattle
- cattle graze with sheep
- use of a bull
- cattle have access to watercourses

Each of these can add to the risk of Leptospirosis in your herd. Leptospirosis can affect humans.

Infected cows shed the Leptospira organism for months or even years. Did you know that controlling leptospirosis can improve returns by £5662 for every 100-cow group?

Leptospirosis infection means that:

### **Suckler cows:**

- Suffer from reduced fertility and sudden abortion storms.
- Lose their appetite
- Infected calves or youngstock will suffer reduced growth as feed intakes are reduced.

### **Dairy cows:**

- show a sudden drop in milk yield
- Suffer from reduced fertility
- Have sudden abortions or even abortion storms

There are two vaccines available: Spirovac and Leptavoid H.

**Leptavoid H contains two strains:** Leptospira interrogans serovar hardjo and Leptospira borgpetersenii serovar hardjo.

### **Spirovac contains one strain:**

Leptospira borgpetersenii serovar Hardjo.

Leptavoid H is the market leader and the only vaccine with a licensed claim to improve fertility.

Spirovac is available at discounted rates, however we believe that Leptavoid H is currently the best vaccine and we will be advising the use of this vaccine.

WARNING – don't leave heifers exposed.

All too often heifers get their first vaccine at the same time the rest of the herd receives a booster. This is too late to ensure they receive the full two-dose course before turnout and ahead of the risk period. Talk to us about the timing of your vaccination programme.

## **New Medicines Records Book.**

Farm assurance requirements have been upgraded for both the beef, dairy and sheep sectors.

One of the areas of non compliance at recent Farm Assurance Inspections has been the medicine book; this is because the books available do not contain all the information required. We have produced our own medicines record book which copes with all the new requirements and gives examples and information on the new rules.

This medicine book is now available at the Beccles reception.

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### **Butox Swish - controls flies (8weeks) and midges (4 weeks).**

*Now proven rainfast!*

250ml - £14.63 (8 cows).

1 Litre – £45.35 (33 cows).

2.5 Litre - £85.95 (83 cows).

12.0 Litre plus applicator (400 cow pack) £299.50. *All prices excluding Vat.*

### **Ivermectin Pour-On .**

For lungworm and gut worms:

2.5 litres Enovex at £42.69 + VAT!!!

### **Closamectin Pour-On.**

**NB There is a 60 day milk withdrawal.**

Treats cattle for liver fluke (adults & immatures), gastrointestinal roundworms, lungworms, lice, mange mites.

**Dose rate - 1ml per 10 Kg body weight.**

1 litre: £123.44 + Vat.

2.5 Litre: £207.27 + Vat.

5 Litre: £10.97 + Vat.

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### **Trodax Injection.**

Treats liver fluke only – can be used with pour-on wormer.

The pack contains 2x500ml which contains enough for 66 x 500kg cattle (or 111 x 300 Kg) - **£142.29 + Vat.**