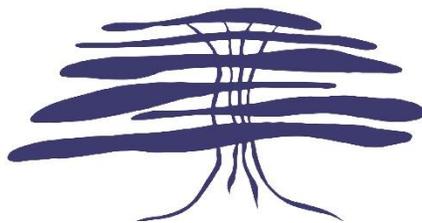


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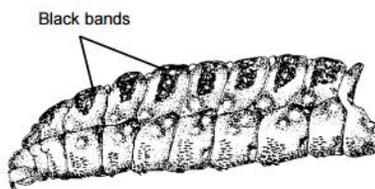
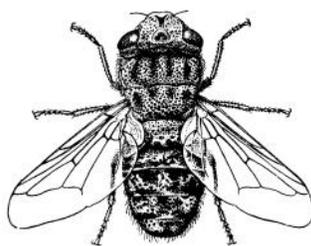
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Nasal Nightmare!

by Alex Crook

With the summer weather at least trying to arrive, it's vital to keep fly levels in check. We've seen a few cases of nasal bot fly in sheep over the last fortnight. Prevalence is greater in Sussex than anywhere else in the U.K., and it seems more common in Hampshire than Dorset, but do keep your eyes open. The female *Oestrus ovis* fly deposits larvae in sheep nostrils, and these then occupy the nasal cavity and sinuses for 1-10 months before maturing. The larvae cause a nasal discharge which is often mucopurulent and may even be blood tinged – the larvae move about using hooks and spines! Septic sinusitis can occur, but the usual problems are annoyance, reduced grazing time, and ultimately loss of condition. Sheep may be seen sneezing and running around with their heads low to the ground,

stamping and shaking their heads. Thankfully very effective preventions and treatments are available.



Mature *Oestrus ovis* larva

It's also worth mentioning that the condition has been known to infect humans so be careful!



Horse Vaccinations

See our new pricing details and visit fees for horse vaccinations on page 3, offered to all of our farm clients who prefer to use us for their basic equine work.



Worming Products

We now offer new worming products which we can provide at very competitive prices. Give the office a call on 01425 461231 to discuss more details or to place an order.

Managing the cow at drying off... another tool in our armoury.

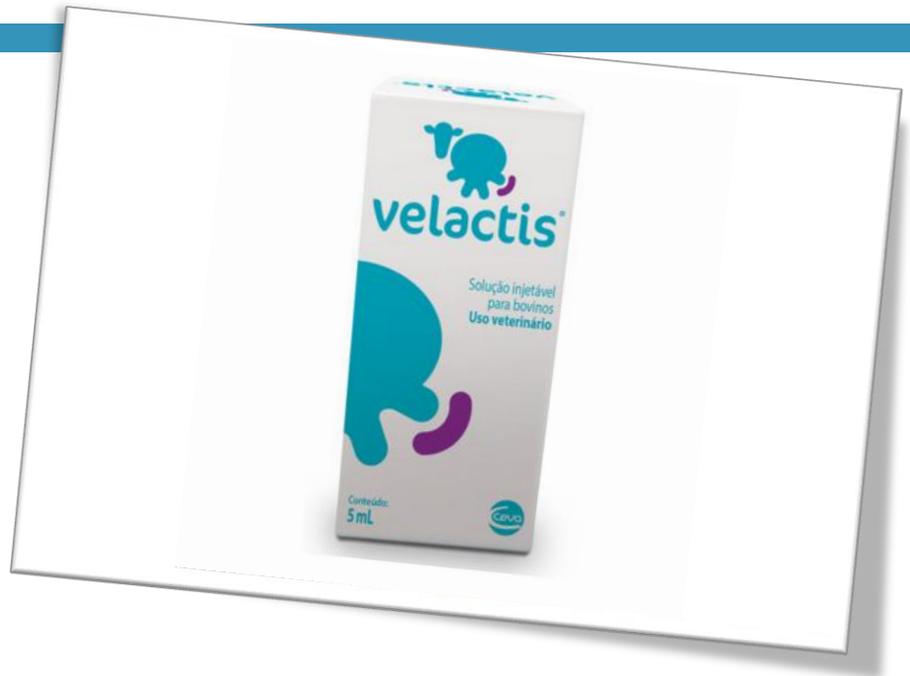
by Dave Coombes

Ceva Animal Health have launched an innovative product that facilitates the dry-off process which could potentially be of real benefit for you and your cows. Velactis is the first and unique dry-off facilitator that improves management, udder health and welfare of dairy cows. This product helps the cow at drying off by significantly reducing milk production. It does this by blocking prolactin, one of the hormones involved in milk production.

With Velactis, cows can be milked right up to the point of dry-off without the hassle of having to dry them off gradually by changing their diet, skipping milkings or having to do group changes. Abrupt dry-off with Velactis as opposed to gradual dry-off means more milk in the tank in those last few days of milking which is of economic benefit. Udder engorgement, milk leakage, new intramammary infections and udder pain and discomfort are common problems seen after dry-off. Velactis reduces udder engorgement after dry-off by 50% and udder over-pressure by 60% which means milk leakage and dry period infections are reduced and the cow is more comfortable.

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There has been extensive trial work carried out by Ceva using this product before its launch. One large scale trial involving 900 cows in 63 farms in Europe showed that Velactis reduced milk leakage by 81% on the day after dry-off. In this same trial Velactis showed a 21% reduction in new intramammary infections in the dry period. If you are currently drying your cows off abruptly without diet or group changes, you will see a reduction in milk leakage and intramammary infections, and an improvement in the welfare of your dairy cattle on the days after dry-off. This was demonstrated in another trial in which cows treated with Velactis were much more comfortable and lay down for 2 hours and 21 minutes more compared to untreated cows.



Bear in mind however that these figures compared the use of Velactis with doing nothing at all in the way of dry cow treatment. Comparisons with UK standard combined antibiotic/sealant DCT or sealant DCT alone are being undertaken now and results will be available in due course.

Velactis is the first product in the market to have benefits in all these three areas - management, udder health and welfare and these benefits will be observed in cows of all production levels.

Meeting - with refreshments!

We have arranged a meeting for dairy clients and interested parties so that we can share more information about Velactis with you. If you are interested please call us on the main office number for more details on the event or to book your place. The more interested you look, the more drinks will be bought for you!!!

Foot Trimming

In January 2016 we started our newly updated foot trimming service, offering very affordable rates and an outstanding service. We can either bring along our mobile hydraulic crush or use yours, and offer routine trimming and lameness treatment. As vets, we are able to administer and prescribe pain relief and antibiotics when necessary, to improve lameness and production faster. Recent cases include a water buffalo with a nail in her foot and a bull for his annual foot MOT before being let out for summer grazing on the forest. Call us now to organize your visit.

Parasites

by Sarah Mortimer

Hopefully most of you saw our facebook post earlier in the month about the high risk for *Nematodirus battus* worms in lambs that were born in late March, and early April. This is a particularly nasty worm, that can cause rapid and severe diarrhoea in lambs that can kill them. It is a highly prolific worm, so worm egg counts are of little help in predicting when or if to treat for it. It is also specific in that the eggs on pasture will only hatch once temperatures are above 10 degrees. So our cold April meant they laid dormant on pasture and the sudden change to warm weather has put us at risk of a 'mass hatch' on pasture. Any lambs grazing pasture that was grazed by young lambs last year, that are 6-12 weeks old are at most at risk. Drenching all lambs in this age group with a WHITE drench (benzimidazole drench) is advised. If you have not got familiar with it, I would like to point you in the direction of SCOPS website www.scops.org.uk which is a brilliant website all about sheep parasites and contains up to date and reliable parasite forecasts.



Photo by Alistair Deacon

Horse Vaccinations

To all of our farm clients who prefer to use us for their basic work for their horses or ponies on farm, we now offer a new price for our equine vaccines. The Prices are as follows

Proteqflu – £17.99

Proteqflu TE - £23.99

If you would like to have your horse vaccinated whilst the vet is on farm, please let us know and we will book it in.

Contact Us

24 Hour Emergency Line

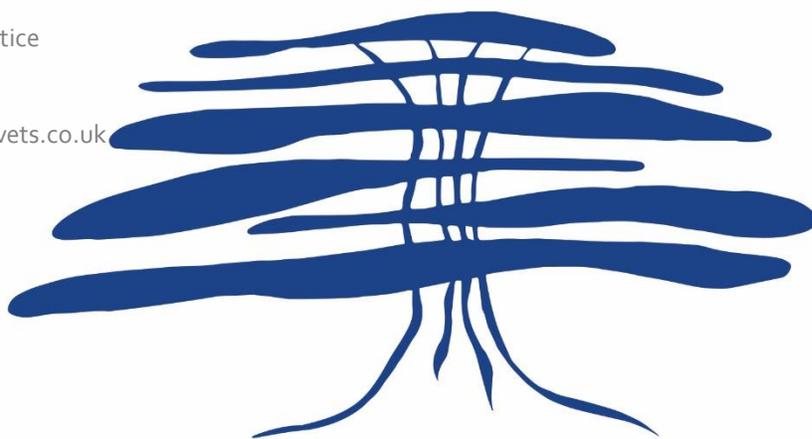
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