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Practice News

There has been a surprising amount of routine work in January with a few people catching up on BVD/Johnes testing as well as more than the usual amount of TB testing.

A number of farms are testing their bulls in advance of the bull sales; some breeders are testing their bulls prior to sale and a number of commercial breeders are testing theirs to determine if they need to make another purchase at the sales.

Medicine Availability

With Brexit around the corner we have a number of vaccines on potential short supply including Rotavec and Leptospira vaccine. Whether these shortages are anything to do with Brexit is another matter.

Currently we have supply of both these vaccines and a reasonable fridge stock but if there are products that you KNOW you will need over the next few months then it might be advisable to forward order them and we can hold them for you. Although most of our suppliers have indicated that they have preparations in place for a hard Brexit no-one will guarantee anything.

SRUC Meetings - Maximising Your Live Calf Crop

SRUC are hosting meetings at Thainstone Mart (14th Feb) and Stirling Mart (5th March) on the subject of maximising your live calf crop. The results of three recent trials will be presented. The meetings have 5 eminent speakers drawn from SRUC, the universities, Moredun and industry and will address the common causes of calf losses and how to prevent them.

The meetings are free, commence at 10.30am and include lunch. What's not to like! To book your place please contact FRBSthainstone@sac.co.uk 01467625385 or FRBSStirling@sac.co.uk 01786450964

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Pre-Calving Boluses

There are a huge range of products on the market but they are not all equal. The current stock problems affecting the Cosecure bolus has seen a number of farmers looking for an alternative. We have a the Tracesure range in stock and have recently taken in the Vetalis boluses which can deliver the required amounts of most trace elements in a single bolus that lasts 8 months, and is sensibly priced. Please contact the surgery to discuss the best option for your cattle.



Keeping tabs on ewe condition

With most flocks now scanned or to be scanned in the immediate future, you will hopefully have a reasonable idea of what condition your ewes are in. This year it appears ewes are in generally good condition but we have investigated a few flocks, or groups within flocks where this has not been the case.

This month alone we have made diagnoses of **OPA, Maedi Visna and chronic liver fluke.**

Any disease is best tackled early on, so if you have any concerns about the condition of your ewes please contact us to discuss the best way forward.

Meeting - Best Practice in Orf Control

In conjunction with MSD Animal Health we will be hosting an evening meeting looking at best practice in orf control. The evening will feature a practical, hands on session looking at making best use of Scabivax (using bananas - not lambs!).



**Tuesday 5th of March - 6pm -
Strathmore Golf Club**

The meeting will be followed by the world famous Stratmore Golf Club buffet. Attendance is free of charge but numbers are strictly limited so please book early to avoid missing out. RSVP to Ed at ed.j.hill@hotmail.com or 01575 572643.