



# HUNTERVILLE VETERINARY CLUB

## NEWSLETTER—JANUARY 2014



### HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL

#### The Grass keeps growing!!

Well the rain came just in time to set things up for January which is great for grass growth .

Summer crops have had a real boost but moisture at this time is also great for little nasties including worms, (barbers pole in particular) and fly. Things were so dry last year that fly was not much of an issue. However, in recent days we have fielded several queries regarding fly protection for lambs that are to be shorn later in the month but are being molested by fly now.

Good fly and worm control programmes will need to be in place over the coming months.

#### Dermatitis in Ewes:

If the moist conditions continue through January, dermatitis (lumpy wool) can be a problem in ewes. Along with affecting wool quality this condition is also a great fly attractant. If you are dipping ewes/lambs through spray races adding zinc sulphate to the dip will help to combat/prevent this problem. (Mix 2-3kgs of zinc sulphate per 100 litres of water).

#### **Ticks and Tick Control**

I'm not sure if it has been the warm winter or publicity surrounding ticks and Theileria but we seem to be getting more queries about ticks and their control. A limited number of products are available to control ticks. Ticks actually spend most of their life on the ground and only camp on animals for a short time to feed. This feeding occurs in waves over the ticks life cycle.

**Cattle:** Pour On products containing flumethrin (such as Baytical) are the best method of control. Protection lasts for 3 to 6 weeks.

**Sheep:** Seraphos is the one dip registered to control ticks and it must be applied via spray races or shower dips. **Seraphos is an organophosphate which is toxic to humans so needs to be used with extreme care.**

Because ticks tend to feed on the woolless areas of the sheep where levels of chemical drop away rapidly the length of protection is relatively short (10-14 days)

Ticks love rank pasture so mob stocking with ewes, especially over winter is an excellent way of restricting tick populations.

Where heavy infestations of ticks occur sheep can be dipped with seraphos and then mob stocked in bad areas to pick up and kill ticks.

#### **When to drench for Barbers Pole**

Our advice for this area is to consider using drenches with prolonged Barbers pole activity from late January and through February and March. (Products to consider are moxidectin (Vetdectin, Exodus) or closantel (Genesis Ultra).

Contact the clinic for more specific advice for your property.



## Drench Tests

If you are considering carrying out Drench tests to determine what drenches are working on your property things need to be happening now.

Drench tests only give good information when carried out on wormy lambs. This often means selecting 50-60 lambs and leaving them undrenched for 6-10 weeks until they carry a decent worm burden. These lambs need to be selected in January.

Contact the clinic to organise drench testing protocols.

## Helpers over the Holidays!

Do you have new employees, kids home from school etc helping in the shed or getting cows in at this time of year?.

Cows hate pressure in the lanes and yard. This pressure will result in white line damage, foot problems and lameness.

Ensure your employees have good stock skills and don't apply excessive pressure to cows in the lanes or in the yards.

## Tip:

At milking time cows in the yards should be standing contentedly with their heads down. If your cows are in the yards with a lot of heads up, yard pressure is excessive.

## Reminders:

i) If you have borrowed any of our ice packs to get product home, can you please bring them back. Ta !!

ii) If you have not already done so, please get your 2 2th/hogget vaccine orders in to us ASAP



## Laugh Out Loud...

Below is a list of ways to win an argument with a woman!!

## PLEASE NOTE

Although the current phone books have the Clinic number listed as 06 322 8057, this is not the afterhours emergency number.

This number is **06 322 8058** as it has always been. If you ring 322 8057 the answer phone should tell you to ring 322 8058 for emergency calls

## Christmas Parade

The Club put in their annual entry and thanks to staff and other helpers we managed a very credible 3rd equal.

## After Hours Vet

**Emergencies:** Phone 06 322 8058  
**Shop Hours:** 8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday  
**Email:** [huntervillevetclub@xtra.co.nz](mailto:huntervillevetclub@xtra.co.nz)  
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