

BREEDING CHECKLISTS

BVD Boosters

A reminder that the vast majority of sire bulls sold today will have been vaccinated for BVD. To ensure BVD immune status is maintained, old bulls should receive a 'booster' vaccination before they go out with the cows.

In herds where cows and heifers are vaccinated, booster vaccinations should also be given before mating.

Selenium for Cows and Bulls

Low selenium levels can affect both cow and bull fertility. Ensure supplementation has been given before mating, where low selenium levels are known to exist.

Checking Bulls

Checking your bulls to ensure they can still serve adequately is a good idea especially if;

1. Sire Bulls are aged. Bull failure from arthritis and injuries increases significantly as bulls age.
2. It is difficult to observe bulls closely while out with the cows and ascertain that bulls are working properly.
3. Bulls have been injured or lame previously.
4. Last years pregnancy test results were disappointing and cannot be explained.
5. Bulls are to be used at high ratios (>40 cows per bull) or where single sire mating is carried out.



Semen testing may be a valid option where;

1. Suspicions around bull fertility exist.
2. Bulls have had 'Health Issues' or still appear to be in poor condition.
3. Scrotal size/tone is abnormal
4. Yearling bulls are to be used.

FLEA SEASON'S HERE!

From now onwards with warm conditions flea populations will explode if nothing is done about controlling fleas. Over the last 2 years clients here had real problems with fleas getting out of control on their dogs. To control fleas, start your treatment program ASAP if you haven't already done so.

This should involve;

- Dog Treatment - There are a number of extremely good flea control options out there, ranging from Collars that provide 8 months protection, to oral treatments such as Nexgard, Comfortis or Bravecto (Bravecto lasts for 3 months and also covers mites and mange), there are also spot on treatments such as Frontline or Advocate. Talk to us about the best options for your dogs.
- Environment - The majority of fleas exist in the environment so it is important to spray out your kennels, tie up areas and also any bedding.
- Don't forget about the cat!!

HIP DYSPLASIA

We have recently x-rayed Huntaways which had been purchased for fairly good money and have found their hips to be showing signs of significant dysplasia and arthritis.

If you are purchasing Huntaway dogs at significant prices it may be wise to check their hips. The vendor may have had the hips x-rayed already, or possibly, this could be done subject to purchase. Any dog with an unusual hind limb gait should be viewed with great caution, especially if there is supposedly no history of the dog having been injured.

If you have any concerns about your dogs and want them checked, ring the clinic to make a booking.

FOR WINE DRINKERS

As Ben Franklin said: In wine there is wisdom, in beer there is freedom, in water there is bacteria. In a number of carefully controlled trials, scientists have demonstrated that if we drink 1 litre of water each day, at the end of the year we would have absorbed more than 1 kilo of E. coli – bacteria found in faeces. In other words, we are consuming 1 kilo of poop. However, we do NOT run that risk when drinking wine & beer because alcohol has to go through a purification process of boiling, filtering and/or fermenting. Remember: Water = Poop, Wine = Health. Therefore, it's better to drink wine and talk stupid, than to drink water and be full of shit.



AFTER HOURS VET

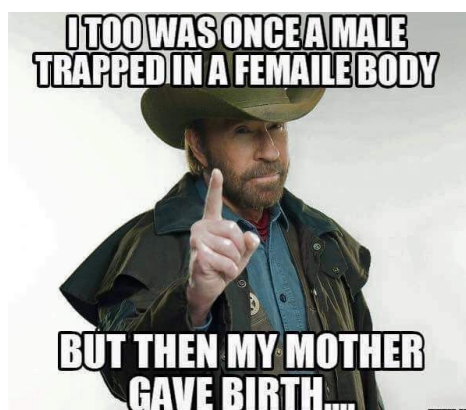
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THE BEST QUARANTINE DRENCH!

Those of you who attended our sheep field day will be aware we have identified a case of 'triple resistance' in our area.

Given that the idea of a quarantine drench is to prevent drench resistant worms getting onto your property it is essential that the drench is **100% effective and kills all worms!** With our recent finding and the identification of triple drench resistant worms in other areas, the use of a triple drench for quarantining can no longer be seen as the 'gold standard option'. There is now a stronger argument for using Zolvix or Startect as quarantine drenches.

The argument for their use is even greater if lambs/ewes after drenching go onto low refugia environments such as crops, plantain, chicory or pastures that have been free from sheep grazing for some time. Contact the clinic if you wish to discuss this issue in more detail.

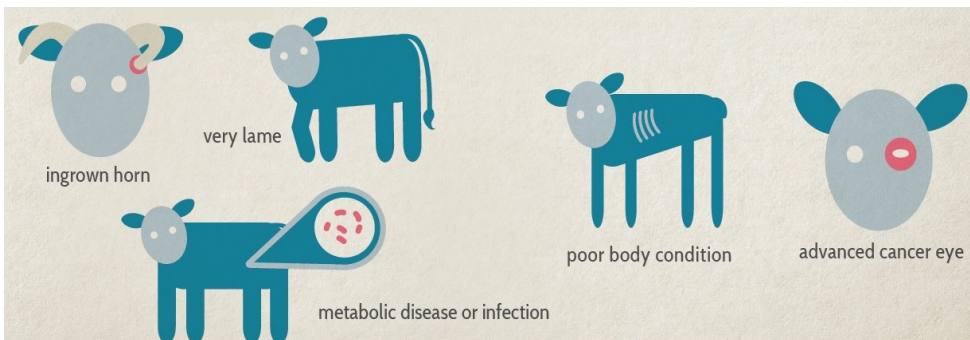


FIT FOR TRANSPORT AND SLAUGHTER

I was recently contacted by a member who had received a letter from MPI regarding a ewe that had been sent to the works but was unable to bear weight on one leg. Such an animal does not meet the standards for being suitable for transport. Just a reminder, as for cattle, all other types of stock must be 'fit for transport and slaughter' (including sheep, deer and goats!!)

If the status of the animal is questionable it should be accompanied by a vet certificate.

For animals of any species ensure that stock with damaged legs, ulcerative lesions (such as scold, eczema or fly strike), damaged eyes etc. are actually fit for transport and slaughter. If you are uncertain contact the clinic for advice.



Your Sheep vaccination requirement form is attached, please be careful selecting your dates. Toxovax needs to be ordered from the supplier **ONE Month** in advance. See the special Salvexin deal on offer.

RATHER THEM NOT ME



PARKING TROUBLE

"The car won't start," said a wife to her husband. "I think there's water in the carburettor." "How do you know?" said the husband scornfully. "You don't even know what a carburettor is!" "I'm telling you," repeated the wife, "I'm sure there's water in the carburettor." "We'll see," he said. "Let me check it out. Where have you left the car now???", mocked the husband. "In our swimming pool," was her reply.

THEILERIA UPDATE

Following our report in last months newsletter as predicted, although a little faster than we were expecting, we have identified several further cases of Theileria at properties in Waituna West, along the Rangitikei river and in Fordell.

In two of these cases the problem is likely to have arrived following the purchase of infected stock from areas where Theileria is known to occur.

In one of these cases the outbreak has probably spread via ticks from a neighbouring property that was known to be infected.

So if you have unexplained ill health in cattle, from calves to older animals, Theileria is now a real possibility especially where ticks are known to occur (and that is probably a wider area than you might expect!!).

DAIRY DISCUSSION

There is a local Marton/Hunterville dairy farmer discussion group, that meets on local farms every 6 weeks. It's run by DairyNZ, locally convened and followed by a "Farmlands BBQ", all are welcome. Farm owners do encourage your staff to join us. Phone Mary for any enquiries 027 8626 898.

Next meeting - is Wednesday 16th Nov at 10.30 to 1pm. Host farm is the Marshall family's Tutu Totara, with Richard Ash and his team on Porewa Road. Dairy number 44143.