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YOUR CLUB

**JAN 17**

**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR!!**



### **FACIAL ECZEMA MONITORING**

We will begin monitoring spore count levels at known hotspots from the end of January. Results will be put on the Vet Club Website or you can ring the clinic. If you have a site on your property you would like to monitor contact the clinic.

### **CYRAZIN KO JETTING OPTIONS**

This dip is a combination of cyromazine and ivermectin. Cyromazine is an extremely good fly control chemical, the addition of ivermectin ensures long term fly control, also kills maggots and assists in lice control. Both these chemicals are user friendly and recognised as being non-toxic to humans when used as directed.

Cost \$0.22 per litre of wash.

### **DRY AUTUMNS AFFECTING YOUR LAMBING %?**

Dry autumns in the last 3 years have obviously affected autumn feed levels and some farmers ability to flush ewes for mating. If this trend is to continue Androvax/Ovastim usage in ewe flocks may be an option worth looking at for some properties.

Androvax and Ovastim consistently improve ewe scanning by an average of 20-25%. On properties where ewes are good mothers and sufficient levels of feed for multiple bearing ewes at lambing can be assured this increase in potential lamb drop can generally be successfully harvested.

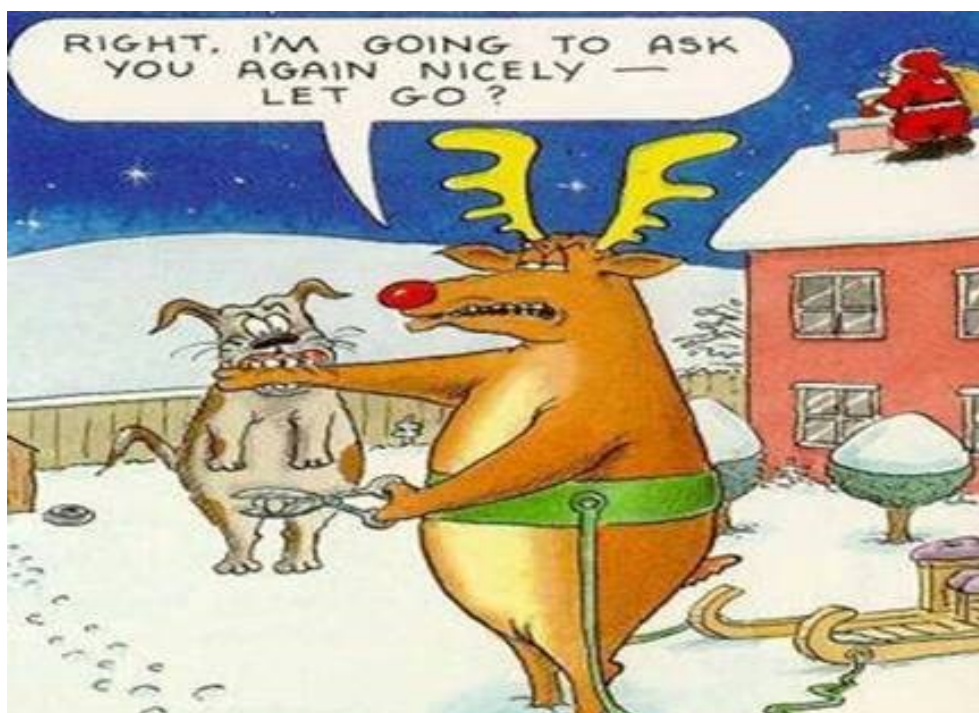
The benefit in a dry autumn is that Androvax/Ovastim treatment will improve scanning percentages when flushing or feeding ewes as well as you might like is not possible.

Androvax/Ovastim usage is most successful in flocks that fall into the

following categories;

- i) Used on properties where lamb wastage at lambing is not high (less than 17% of the potential lamb drop).
- ii) Farmers are prepared to ensure ewes are fed properly at lambing (this may include the use of nitrogen).
- iii) In normal years ewes are likely to scan less than 165% (above this figure triplets numbers will increase significantly if treated).

Androvax/Ovastim vaccination programs need to be started 8-10 weeks before mating in previously untreated ewes. For most ewes this means starting vaccination in late January or early February. Contact the clinic if you would like discuss this management option in more detail.



### **THEILERIA UPDATE**

As we predicted in our November newsletter Theileria has been detected on further properties in the Hunterville area. Sick anaemic cows have been diagnosed as having Theileria on two Putorino Dairy farms in the last few weeks. Outbreaks can be expected to continue over summer as ticks are active and move about the district on host animals.

The good news is that with appropriate management sick cattle seem to be getting over the infection. If you have slow, weak or depressed cattle Theileria should be considered.

## WEANER CATTLE HEALTH ISSUES

Hand reared weaners can have their fair share of health issues, here are some to look out for.

- **Thiamine deficiency** - this problem is brought on when feed changes upset the rumen. Weaners who appear depressed/blind or staggering might be suffering from this.
- **Coccidiosis** - affected calves will develop diarrhoea often with the presence of blood in the stool and straining. This problem is more common where calves are reared and grazed in intensive long term calf rearing and grazing systems.
- **Pneumonia/Lungworm** - weaners with coughs and weight loss or poor weight gain.
- **Yersiniosis** - Weaners will develop a runny watery scour, become depressed and may die. Antibiotic treatment is required (can be confused with worm challenge).
- **BVD Outbreaks** - weaners scour and lose weight or show poor weight gain. Can be associated with Yersinia outbreaks or parasitism.
- **Trace Element Deficiency** - especially selenium, these problems should not occur!! They still do where supplementation programs are not in place.



## BULL BUYERS

A blonde and a redhead have a ranch. They have just lost their bull. The women need to buy another, but only have \$500. The redhead tells the blonde, "I will go to the market and see if I can find one for under that amount. If I can, I will send you a telegram." She goes to the market and finds one for \$499. Having only one dollar left, she goes to the telegraph office and finds out that it costs one dollar per word. She is stumped on how to tell the blonde to bring the truck and trailer. Finally, she tells the telegraph operator to send the word "comfortable." Skeptical, the operator asks, "How will she know to come with the trailer from just that word?" The redhead replies, "She's a blonde so she reads slow: 'Come for ta bull.'"

## STAFF WANTED

We are currently looking for new conveyor staff to come on board and help out, starting with the sheep pre-mating vaccinations. We are looking for good workers who are flexible with their hours, ideally have experience with sheep. Good remuneration offered for suitable candidates. Please contact the clinic to express your interest ASAP.



## WHEN TO BARBERS POLE DRENCH

Every year we get asked this question!!

In our area, if January is damp and warm, Barbers Pole populations will begin their initial increase in late January. Given this fact we normally advise farmers to change to a Barbers Pole persistent drench in late January or early February. Note that all drenches for sheep kill Barbers Pole worm on the day of treatment (provided drench resistance isn't present) however Moxidectin (Vetdectin and Exodus) and Closantel (Genesis Ultra) are the only 2 chemicals that give a prolonged kill of Barbers Pole after treatment and are the best products to use where Barbers Pole is a known threat.

## SCANNING DAIRY COWS

January/February are the best months to scan Dairy cows where accurate foetal aging is required. Please contact the clinic to book herds in if you wish to age pregnancy and confirm AI dates.

## WINTER LICE PROBLEMS

Incorporating a chemical that kills lice into summer dipping programs especially post shearing is a very good way to assist with lice control programs. Extinosad (5 cents/litre of wash) can be added to Vetrazin type dips to kill fly maggots and summer lice burdens.

As mentioned elsewhere Cyrazin KO is another option.

## AFTER HOURS VET

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