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YOUR CLUB

MAY 20

VET CERTS FOR STOCK

A couple of reminders around vet certs for stock.

- Stock that have what can be described as health or lameness issues must be sent to the closest works to the property (even if you don't normally deal with this company). For the area we service this generally means ANZCO Bulls, Affco Feilding or Alliance Levin.
- Last minute calls to get stock certified are not ideal (although in the current situation we totally understand that this might have to be the case) as on occasions we need to contact the works veterinarian to discuss the case.
- Vet Certs can be issued for 7 days and any direction specified on that document must be complied with. For example, where the animal is to be killed and how it is to be shipped (no trans-shipping etc). Never alter the document!!!
- If you have an animal you are unsure as to whether it can go to slaughter or not, let us know and we can have a quick look when passing. Saving you the full expense of a special visit and allowing us to give advice and come up with an appropriate plan for transport.



ARE WE THERE YET??

Well it seems that down on most farms life has carried on much as normal through lock down and we have all been pretty lucky to be part of an industry that has kept functioning albeit with some additional challenges. For most the continued dry conditions and challenges around selling and killing livestock have been a bigger issue than living in a bubble!! (Anyone else sick of that word?)

Thanks to all the clients who have shown great understanding and organizational skills that has allowed us to function pretty effectively under lockdown. It has actually been a good reminder as to how effectively and efficiently we can operate with a little planning and forward thinking!! Maybe those last minute mobile phone calls and emails to get jobs done or products picked up support and cover up a lot of poor planning?? We seemed to function quite adequately before we had them!!

At this point we have been lucky to have negligible stock outages and we have little indication that more are likely to occur (not really surprising given the planning and ordering for products on demand now was done well before covid). This situation could possibly change in the Spring for products being manufactured since covid and in the next couple of months. We will be doing all we can to ensure supply and keep you updated.


KNOCK OUT DRENCHING

In recent autumns we have promoted the idea of **knock out drenching**. In a nutshell this is using **Zolvix Plus** or **Startect** to clean out any resistant worms (in lambs) that have survived your drenching programme to this point.



Given the widespread level of drench resistance on farms in our patch, surviving resistant worms will be present on many properties. These worms need to be taken out so they do not continue to survive and reproduce, increasing the resistant gene pool on your property. Any lambs likely to stay on the farm for some time (ie hogget replacements or long term trade lambs) should be drenched.

Contact the clinic if you have any questions about knock out drenching or would like to establish the likely resistance status of your property.



Whoever said one person can't change the world, never ate an undercooked bat

LOW VOLUME DRENCHES

At times low volume drenches (ie 1ml per 10kgs) are used to drench sheep. Zolvix is one such drench. It is very important when using such drenches to ensure that the drench gun you use delivers the correct dose. (For a 40kg lamb you are only giving 4mls. A 1ml inaccuracy could mean under dosing by 25% or wasting 25% of a very expensive drench!!)

Some drench guns are not very accurate for low doses and need to be calibrated and set rather than relying on the barrel markings. Ensure you do this each time you drench lambs. (To be honest this should happen whether it is a low dose drench or not!!)

We make these comments after investigating the deaths of lambs that had been drenched with Zolvix 4 weeks previously and it appears almost certain that there were issues around dosage accuracy.

SHED INSPECTIONS

It appears many dairy clients have had 'shed inspections' carried out and while inspections have gone well for many, we have had 1-2 reports of problems. Some have involved drug prescriptions and supply. Please contact us if you have had problems or feel there are areas that need to be improved upon by us.

This whole area is open to some interpretation and our systems need to evolve and adjust. It would also appear that there is some variation in interpretation among inspectors, possibly due to the pedantic nit picking and close minded personality traits that on occasion these types of jobs seem to attract!!



Imagine the neighbours' reaction when they see this baby on your front lawn! Be the first on your block to have a boat with its own pools, theatres and more. Features spacious stateroom for mum and dad and plenty of bunks for the kids.

Top notch nav and generous 5,000,000 litre tank so you can go anywhere, with giant freezers you'll never fill no matter how many snapper you catch.

Current owner says, "I want it gone", and will clean and disinfect before handover.

Grab your family and friends and take a cruise. All offers welcome.

**Requires oversize trailer*

NEED HAND SANITISER?

Hand sanitiser formula from WHO. To prepare 1 litre:

- Methylated spirits (95% Ethanol) - 833ml
- Hydrogen Peroxide 3% - 42ml
- Glycerol / Glycerine - 15ml
- Sterile / Boiled Water to make up to 1000mls (1L)

How: Mix meths with peroxide then add glycerol. Add water to 1L then gently mix. ***We can source these ingredients for you.***

NITRATE POISONING

Every year we warn clients about the risk of nitrate poisoning on crops and new grasses. It is easy to get caught out and deaths do occur. With the current climatic conditions it is very likely such feeds could be accumulating nitrate and posing risks for grazing stock. (More likely if nitrogen fertilizer has also been applied.) If you are unsure whether it is safe to feed, take a sample and get it tested. We should be able to give you the result the same day.

Whenever moving stock onto a risky feed it pays to follow some guidelines:

- Do not put stock on empty (especially stock that may have been shipped in or have been yarded for prolonged periods).
- Shift stock in the late morning (when nitrate levels should be dropping) so they can be checked an hour or 2 later and throughout the day. Much better than a late afternoon shift and coming out in the morning to find dead stock.

GODZONE

Ten things to help you laugh (if you have already seen them you have spent too much time on the net)!

- 10) For the third time this week I am buying booze for the next two weeks.
- 9) So technically showing up at a bank in a mask and gloves is OK now?
- 8) I am having a quarantine party this week, nobody is invited.
- 7) Half of us are going to come out of this quarantine period as amazing cooks, the other half are going to come out with a drinking problem.
- 6) Some people are not shaking hands because of this corona virus thing. I'm not shaking hands because of a lack of toilet paper.
- 5) Thoughts and prayers are going out to all the married men who have been telling their wives I will do that when I have the time.
- 4) The year is 2050. John has just used the last roll of toilet paper his parents bought in 2020.
- 3) Today we are 7 days into the lock down and it is really upsetting me to see my wife standing at the living room window gazing aimlessly into space with tears running down her cheeks. Don't get me wrong, I empathise with her. I've considered letting her in many times. But rules are rules.
- 2) Pollution levels dropping at record breaking rates. Less cars on the roads, less cruise ships in our seas, less planes in the sky. Same amount of cows. But please, tell me farming is the problem.
- 1) God has been seen recently in New Zealand. When asked what he was doing there he replied, "Just working from home bro."

PROBLEM SOLVING

Winston Peters with Shane Jones visited a Northland town and asked the locals what their needs were.

"We have two basic needs honourable Sir", replied the mayor. "Firstly, we have a hospital but no doctor."

On hearing this, Jones brought out his phone. After speaking for a while he told them that there'd be a doctor there tomorrow.

Winston then asked the mayor for the second problem...

..."secondly Sir, there is no mobile phone coverage anywhere in this area."

TAKE CARE!!!

We all know feral cats can be a major problem on farms, but sometimes what you think is a feral is actually someone's pet.

Chappy unfortunately was shot through his front leg at the beginning of March along SH1 and we needed to amputate the leg as the injury was so severe.

He is adjusting to life as a tripod very well!



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