



HVC YOUR CLUB

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WHY YOU SHOULD VACCINATE CATTLE FOR CLOSTRIDIAL DISEASE!!

In recent days we have been dealing with a deadly outbreak of malignant odema/ black leg in cattle!!

The case involves 70 odd weaner bulls that were yarded for drenching etc. Within 48 hours of yarding the farmer found the first two dead animals. In subsequent days a further 15 animals died!!

These sort of losses emphasise how serious clostridial diseases can be when they strike. The only reason we don't see more deaths is because vaccination programmes are generally so good at preventing diseases.

If you don't vaccinate your cattle (dairy or beef) for clostridial diseases we would certainly encourage you to give it serious consideration, generally Covexin 10 in 1 is recommended for cattle.

CONGRATULATIONS...

- ◇ Richard Lambert
- ◇ S & L Bradley
- ◇ Daniel Murray
- ◇ Hamish Stewart
- ◇ Paul Richardson

Congratulations to the above mentioned clients whose names were drawn from our Pre-lamb Order Forms and who will receive a New World Voucher for their troubles.



WHERE TO FROM HERE???

Along with thousands of others I attended a 'Howl of a Protest'. After 40 years involved in farming it was encouraging to see a significant number of farmers from across the farming spectrum united for a change!!

Despite Ardern's and Parker's statements that nothing will change and that they have been listening to farmers concerns (which is stretching things somewhat) they will have to take note of the sentiment brewing in rural NZ from the Cape to the Bluff. If further protests in one form or another are required to reinforce the point we need to stay united and do what it takes.

I really struggle to see how current proposals around farm environmental plans etc can go ahead if we all refuse to partake. At least until the government can demonstrate what the plans look like, that they are practical and make sense and that there are sufficient qualified consultants to create such plans!!

PRE-LAMB DRENCHING OF EWES

As we get into pre-lamb vaccination time we are getting lots of enquiries about what clients should be drenching their ewes with when they don't use capsules or long acting injection.

For most the answer should be nothing!! Well fed ewes in good order pre-lamb should not be carrying high worm burdens and so drenching to kill small worm populations serves very little purpose. You can gain further confidence about not drenching ewes by carrying out faecal egg counts on the ewe flock.

To confuse things a little further, in many lines of ewes there may be a tail end that should be drenched and looked after as much as possible. A triple drench such as Matrix or Boss is the preferred option for these stock.

The growing incidence of drench resistance is another reason to avoid drenching ewes with short acting or long acting drench capsules or injections if possible. Treated ewes that continue to shed eggs from resistant worms will seed your property with 'drench resistant genetics' that can be picked up by ewes / lambs and multiplied over next Spring, Summer and Autumn thereby speeding resistance development on your property.

More confused than ever???. Give the clinic a call!



WHAT IS BLACK LEG??

Many farmers have probably never seen cases of Blackleg. Before vaccination became widespread it was a fairly common disease with devastating outcomes on some occasions.

The disease is caused by spores of the bacteria clostridium Chauvoei which get into the muscle of cattle and sheep.

They sit there until such time as the muscle tissue is damaged from something like a bruise at yarding, lambing/calving or an injection lesion.

When this occurs the bacteria is activated and produces extremely potent toxins that destroy tissue causing toxemia and very sudden death. In cattle muscles of the leg are most often affected and tissues in this area rapidly become dead, black and necrotic hence the name Blackleg.

THEFT IN NEW YORK

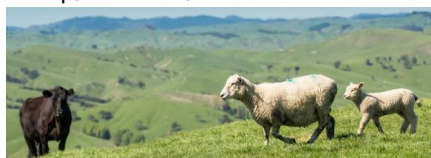
A young bloke from rural New Zealand got quite a buzz walking down Fifth Avenue in the heart of the Big Apple. He was looking up at the skyscrapers when he felt someone bump him slightly. With a jolt he remembered he was in New York and reached for his wallet. It was gone. And the youth who had bumped him was hurrying off down the street.

Our lad sprinted after him, grabbed him by the shirt front and said, "Okay pal, you've met your match. You're dealing with a Kiwi boy here. Hand over that wallet. The youth produced the wallet, ducked out of his grip and ran. It wasn't until our young Kiwi got back to his room that he saw his wallet where he had left it, beside the bed.

PRESCRIPTIONS FOR ANTIBIOTICS ON SHEEP AND BEEF FARMS

Sheep and beef clients who have recently had MPI audits done on their properties report that they have been asked to show prescriptions for bottles or packets of antibiotics that they have on farm and use. In most cases this has been Intracillin LA for lambings, bearings, etc.

To deal with this, when you pick up bottles of Antibiotics you will receive a drug advice / prescription form which can be retained by you. This will apply to antibiotics such as Intracillin LA, Bivatox, Tenaline, etc.



A GOOD TURN OUT

Thanks to all dairy farmers who took time out to attend our dairy farmers field day last month. Take home messages were:

- Please take and freeze a good number of milk samples before treating for mastitis this Spring. These samples can then be used to identify bacteria involved in mastitis cases that cause problems and require changes from first up antibiotic treatments.
- Refractometers are very useful in assessing the quality of colostrum. Gold colostrum should have a brix score of over 22. Several clients wanted to purchase a refractometer and we have sourced them for \$85 GST incl.
- Animal Health Plans for meeting the Cooperative Advantage Programme need to be done on a farm by farm basis. We have developed a template to assist clients with this. Please contact the clinic if you need to develop a plan. There will be a cost but we are attempting to minimise this.

MYCOPLASMA TESTING BONUS

Mycoplasma testing has now moved into a surveillance programme. MPI want to check the status of beef herds. To promote this they will pay for blood tests to be taken from 25 to 80 cattle over 6 months of age.

The good news is these bloods can also be used for things like BVD, trace elements or liver fluke testing so you don't have to pay for the equipment or cost of getting the blood tests taken. There are also discounted rates of 20 to 30% on the lab fees for these types of tests.

If you are considering doing any blood testing now is a good time to talk to us.



MASTITIS & RED LIGHT ANTIBIOTICS

As should have been explained to dairy clients during their dairy consults, with the emergence of antibiotic resistance categorisation of green, orange and red light antibiotics has been advocated.

Green light antibiotics should be used first to treat mastitis. We know that in the vast majority of cases these antibiotics will be effective. If milk culture results and poor cure rates point to problems with using green light antibiotics this is a point at which orange / red light antibiotics can be prescribed and used. This means you cannot have multiple treatment quantities of red light antibiotics sitting on your shelves until a problem has been identified that requires their use.

GREEN LIGHT—eg

- Intracillin LA / Pharmacillin / Depocillin
- Bivatox
- Tenaline
- Engemycin
- Mamyzin
- Penethaject



ORANGE LIGHT—eg

- Lincocin / Albiotic
- Nitroclox LA
- Penclox
- Orbenin LA
- Clavulox LC
- Vibrostrep
- Cloxamp
- Noroclax



RED LIGHT—eg

- Tylofen
- Excede LA
- Marbocyl
- Mastalone
- Tyloguard
- Excenel
- Cobactan



GOOD DAY

Thanks to all those who took the opportunity to waste a day of their lives and turned out at the vet club golf tournament!! A thirsty, full field appeared to thoroughly enjoy themselves despite a few showers and running out of beer for a while.

Congratulations to:

- ◇ Papanui Station—winners of the Station Challenge.
- ◇ Osborne Team—who took out first place.
- ◇ Nicola Martin—who out-drove the boys to win the longest drive.

TAP C

A patron in a Montreal hotel turned on a tap in his bathroom and was severely scalded. He called reception and said "This is an outrage. It clearly said C on the top of the tap and boiling water came out."

"But Monsieur, C stands for chaude - the French for hot. You should know this if you live in Montreal."

"Hang on," roared the patron, "the other tap is also marked C."

"Of course," said the manager, "That stands for cold. After all Montreal is a bilingual city."

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