

BACK IN STOCK

As many of you will be aware, in the past few months we have experienced some major issues in the supply of stock, especially drenches, dips and trace elements. This situation appears to be improving at last. In recent times **Matrix** drenches and **Selovin LA** have come back into stock and we hope that the stock outages for these products are behind us.

With calving and lambing just around the corner it would be very helpful if clients could make their animal health orders in good time. This will assist us in avoiding possible future stock outages.

Thanks

VET CERTIFICATES

With space tight and various works closed, getting stock that need vet certificates killed, is proving to be a real nightmare!! A reminder that if we certify an animal as fit for transport and the problem has anything to do with a condition that might be aggravated by transport, the animal must go to the 'closest plant'. This is regardless of what meat company you tend to deal with!!

On occasions we can make phone calls and plead cases, but this takes time and effort and doesn't always work for animals 'going tomorrow'!!

Please continue to contact us ASAP when considering sending animals that need work certs. Good videos / pictures of animals are proving very useful in helping us deal with those cases efficiently.

PS. Remember, sheep and deer may also need vet certs!! A client recently received an instant \$500 fine for sending a lame ewe to the works!!

ROAD CONE REVENGE COMES TO HUNTERVILLE!

100's of cones, \$200,000 worth of vehicles, 6 people sitting on their arses doing nothing except eating pies, and no activity occurring which would explain the necessity for road cones! And we wonder why our roads look like they do!!!



DRY EWES

While scanning percentage reports are generally good, some clients have been concerned by higher dry percentages than normal. In early autumn we advised that we were finding very low selenium levels in ewe flocks (and cattle for that matter), and that these low levels could cause fertility issues at mating.

Where we have blood tested dry ewes we have found low selenium levels. Although it is too late to do much about mating, low selenium levels will also be an issue for pregnant ewes. Supplementation programmes need to be in place. For some, the use of selenised pre-lamb vaccines should be sufficient. For others, longer acting products such as Selovin LA or trace element capsules may be a better option.

If you don't know your ewe's selenium status, consider getting blood tests done so any issues can be addressed before lambing.

NEVER MAKE ASSUMPTIONS

In recent weeks we have had a few animal health issues which reinforce the fact that when it comes to animal health, you should never make assumptions!! Especially in a year like this when weather and feed conditions are right out of left field!!

We have encountered:

- **Barbers Pole** worm issues in mature ewes in May and June!
- New **Salmonella** outbreaks in ewes in June
- **Bloat deaths** in cattle in June
- **Selenium deficiencies** where we have not seen selenium issues previously
- **Fly strike** in May

So if stock don't seem to be performing like they should, or unexplained deaths are occurring, ask a few questions rather than making assumptions based on the time of the year and previous history!!



ACCOMMODATION WANTED

We have a new staff member who is looking for a house to rent, ideally with room for a horse, from mid September. If you know of anything that will be empty and available in that time frame please give us a call.

Accommodation is not easy to find at the moment!!!

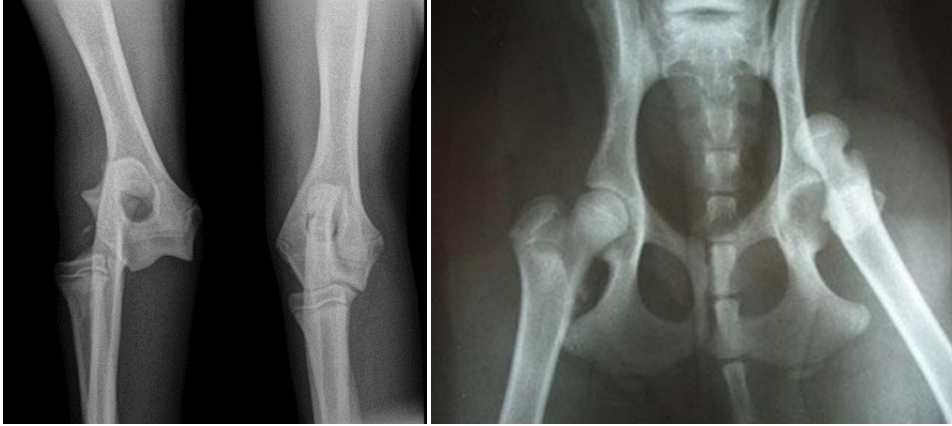
DISLOCATIONS!

Common joints for dogs to dislocate are the hip and elbow. What you might see in the forelimb is a leg that is bent outwards from the elbow joint which is fairly locked in this position.

Dogs with dislocated hips will often have a knee joint that is rotated inwards and the leg won't be able to extend out to the side and will have reduced extension backwards.

Often we can put hip and elbow dislocations in with some anaesthesia and manipulation of the joint. However, joints that have been dislocated for more than a couple of days are a lot harder to get back in, and sometimes we need to resort to surgery to get the joint back in the normal position.

If you have a dog with a potential dislocation, please get in touch ASAP as it is far easier, and a lot less costly, to address these as soon as possible.



AVOIDING SHED INSPECTION ISSUES

With things a little quieter over dry off it is a good time to deal with some of those issues that can make shed inspections a nightmare!

- Deal with out-of-date drugs
- Ensure your records are up to date and accurate
- Chase us up for your 2023 / 2024 laminated RVMs etc if you have not collected them already

DATA FOR DAIRY FARMERS

This is a piece of information I recently sighted relating to NZ dairy rates for various cow welfare and performance data. In this chart, Taranaki rates are compared to national averages. You may wish to compare your herds numbers with these figures.

For those of you involved in schemes such as the Co-op Difference Health Plans, knowing how your herd performs and what is attainable is important (and likely to become more so!) 😞

Measure	Taranaki Average	National Average	Measure	Taranaki Average	National Average
Locomotion Score % Normal:	94%	91%	Bulk SCC Average:	143	154
Clinical Lameness Rate:	7%	9%	Clinical Mastitis:	9%	11%
Tail Score % Normal:	85%	81%	6-Week In-Calf Rate:	66%	67%
Amount of Antibiotics Used:	7.8 mg/kg	10.7 mg/kg	Not In-Calf Rate:	17%	15%
Amount Red Light Abs Used:	0.01 mg/kg	0.82 mg/kg	BCS at Calving:	4.8	4.8
Amount Pain Relief Used:	0.6 DD/cow	0.5 DD/cow	BCS Pre-Mating:	4.3	4.4
Vet Visit Rate per 100 cows:	8.4	5.7	BCS Summer:	4.3	4.3
Cow Mortality Rate:	2%	4%	BCS Autumn:	4.3	4.4

STAFFING...

As you may have noticed, we have had a number of staffing changes lately.

In the vet department, we have had Mac retire, and Jaime start. We are hoping to have another vet on board later in the year...watch this space.

Unfortunately we have lost our nurse, Amy, who has moved closer to home and now works for the RDC. Amy was a fantastic member of our team and is greatly missed. We have been lucky enough to have employed the services of Michelle, who has already been working for us, as a full time replacement for Amy. Michelle is currently away recovering after ankle surgery, but we hope to have her back in the next few weeks. In the mean time we are thankful to have the multi-talented Renea covering this position.

We have also employed Sarah Adams who is currently helping out up the back but will come down and help out at reception when things get back to normal!!!

We are extremely lucky to have such a great team of staff working for us and looking after you!



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