

Leptospirosis Vaccine Availability Update

Unfortunately within seconds of the January Vaccination Newsletter disappearing into the post box and on its way to you we were informed by Zoetis that Spirovac (like Leptavoid H) was no longer available. This means that there is no licenced Leptospirosis vaccine currently available in the UK. However we have managed to secure a limited amount of stock which should be delivered during February, although unfortunately it will not be enough for our anticipated needs and will need to be rationed. Our plan to do this is as follows;

1. Vaccinate all heifers due to be served / go to the bull with a full starter course.
2. Vaccinate any purchased animals with a full starter course.
3. Adult animals will still carry strong immunity from previous vaccinations. Although it is outside the annual data sheet recommendation we suggest that the boosters are given a little later in the year when more supplies become available. If this presents particular problems then please let us know.
4. At the moment IBR and BVD vaccines are available and we suggest that you go ahead and use them as you would normally rather than waiting for the Lepto to arrive.

We are therefore asking clients to differentiate between starter courses and booster courses when they order their Lepto vaccine. Hopefully the limited stock that we are due will be enough for the starter courses and we can complete the boosters later in the year. Please put your orders in asap and we will be in touch as soon as the stock arrives. Any queries then please give the practice a call.

A Training Course for Farmers to Avoid Medicine Residues in Milk



MilkSure ✓

This course was originally designed for farms that had suffered a bulk milk tank failure but given the increasing profile of antibiotic usage in farm animals a number of dairy companies are insisting that their producers sign up to the scheme. The course has been developed in partnership with the British Cattle Veterinary Association and is divided into two parts;

1. **Training for farm staff in some of the technical aspects of medicine use and milk residue testing.**
2. **Audit of On farm practice in relation to treatment protocols, antibiotic storage, patient identification etc.**

Part 1 can be completed as a group exercise and Piers will be running this part of the course on..

Monday February 25th 11.00—12.30(ish) at Colliton Barton Training Centre.

His world famous chocolate brownies are licenced to treat hunger in the human species and are stored securely in a DEFRA approved cake tin. Please look away whilst he applies your tail tape!

Part 2 must be completed on farm and this session will be arranged individually, either with Piers or your herd health vet if he is MilkSure trained.

Cost will depend on the number of delegates but will probably work out at 1.5—2 hours per farm in total. Please call 01823 662286 to book your place but make sure that you have also registered with MilkSure so that your workbook can be sent out to the practice before the course starts.

