

### The Beef and Sheep Group is Up and Running...

..and a big thanks to those clients who were able to spare the time to meet down at the rugby club. MSD kindly sponsored the evening and are analysing the results of the survey that was taken so we can come up with a format that has been designed by the clients joining the group. Charlie and Al will be in touch with those at the meeting and others that have expressed an interest over the coming weeks. If you were unable to make the meeting but wish to get involved then please give the practice a call on 01823 662286



### The National Johnes Disease Management Plan Phase 2

Is well underway. By 31 October 2018 all farmers supplying purchaser members of the NJMP (includes Arla, Mueller Wiseman, Dairy Crest, TescoSDG) will need to have undertaken their risk assessment, ascertained their herd status, and put a written Johnes Disease Management Plan in place. A declaration of compliance will then need to be co signed with their Accredited Johnes Disease advisor (us). We have dealt with a large number of these but there are still plenty to do, and they take a fair amount of time to create. Please plan ahead if you can and try not to book them all in during the last week!

The NJMP has a website that is fairly easy to navigate and gives more information as to the epidemiology and clinical signs of the disease. It also explains in more detail about how the plan works, particularly with reference to the six methods of control that can be chosen. Find it at [www.actionjohnesuk.org](http://www.actionjohnesuk.org)

Piers has recently returned from the NJDMP annual meeting. Some of the advice has now been updated to reflect a better scientific understanding of the disease and the key new points are as follows;

- A milk result that registers above 1.00 is strongly suggestive that that cow is a super shedder and should be culled immediately. These cows excrete enough Johnes causing mycobacteria each day to infect 50,000 calves. Their dung can contaminate low risk cows which can then carry the infected dung into the "clean" green low risk dry cow area putting any calves born at risk. It is now thought that these super shedding animals have a major role in the maintenance of disease within a herd.
- Calves born to high risk / red cows, if infected at birth, are infectious to other calves for 2 weeks. The advice therefore is to ensure these calves are kept separately to the heifer calves from low risk / green cows for at least this amount of time. After then the infection becomes latent and they are no longer such a risk to the other calves.
- Calves from high risk / red cows are 6.6 times more likely to be positive for Johnes Disease. For this reason it is important to mark them with a red ear tag to ensure they are easily identified as a high risk animal for the rest of their lives.



## New Product: Tolracol for Coccidiosis in Calves and Lambs

This is a new product that is designed to treat coccidiosis in calves. The active ingredient is Toltrazuril, the same as in Baycox and closely related to the Diclazuril found in Vecoxan. The dose rate is 3ml per 10kg by mouth in calves and 4ml per 10kg by mouth in lambs. The withdrawal period of 63 days is probably irrelevant in calves, but the 42d that applies to lambs is a limiting factor compared to the zero d for Vecoxan. Pricewise Tolracol is an attractive option, and represents a 33% saving in calves when compared to Vecoxan.



## New Product: Bovalto Respi Intranasal Vaccine for Pneumonia in Calves

This is a new product from Boehringer Ingelheim that is a direct competitor to the Risposal RSV+PI3 Intranasal Vaccine. Both require 1 dose up the nose and are licenced for calves aged 10d+ for approximately the first three months of life. The Bovalto Respi Intranasal vaccine comes with a free dosing gun for each new user that delivers the vaccine at the correct droplet size into the nostril via a soft applicator that ensures none is wasted. There is a saving of approximately 75p per dose over the Risposal PS+PI3 vaccine.



## APHA Briefing Note 14/18 Changes to compensation paid for reactors in England

Another lengthy document from APHA, but a summary is as follows;

- There will be a reduction in the compensation payment of 50% for those animals that arrive at the slaughterhouse in a state too dirty to process.
- There will be a reduction in the compensation payment of 50% for animals brought into a herd during a TB breakdown which are subsequently removed as reactors prior to the herd regaining TB free status.
- Compensation will be paid for privately slaughtered reactors if they are found to be totally condemned for reasons of TB alone.

For any queries about this or any other TB related matter the following links may be of use

**[www.tbhub.co.uk](http://www.tbhub.co.uk) = website with all briefing notes and other information**

**[TB.Advice@apha.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:TB.Advice@apha.gsi.gov.uk) = email for advice**

**03000 200 301 = advice line. Be prepared for a bit of a wait.**

## BVD Stamp It Out Project

All systems go but not too much to report so far. The project is designed to last for two years so we have decided to hold the initial meetings at The Beambridge in December. This will allow us to register then get contracts signed off for as many clients as possible. It also means that you can settle back with a pint and a Christmas pie whilst Dave and Al guide you through the intricacies of this disease.



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