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DROVE VETERINARY HOSPITAL **AUGUST 2009**

**FARM HEALTH & SAFETY** - Awareness of responsibilities when handling livestock

**CHARITY EVENTS UPDATE** - Drove Open Day and Marie Curie Charity Walk

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## ANTHELMINTIC RESISTANCE

Are your sheep or cattle under-performing? Is your worming regime working?

Recent reports have again highlighted a significant rise in the occurrence of anthelmintic resistance problems as a cause of poor performance on both sheep and cattle farms. The Sustainable Control of Parasites in Sheep (SCOPS) project has worked to raise awareness of the problem within the sheep industry over the last 6 years.

A new study by SCOPS on 40 sheep farms found triple-resistant worms on two farms; benzimidazole ('white drench') resistant worms were identified in 100% and levamisole ('yellow drench') resistant worms in 47% of lowland flocks. The conclusion reached by experts is that 'without knowledgeable and evidence-based wormer use in future the problem of resistant worms could escalate in the UK to the point where we see sheep-free sheep farms!' This is already the case in some southern-hemisphere countries and the first UK sheep farms with a multi-resistant worm problem have had to be de-stocked of all sheep. There is therefore a significant concern within the industry that the future of sheep production

in the UK could be under threat without greater veterinary involvement on a more regular advisory and management basis on sheep units, instead of the minor and often sporadic veterinary input that is commonplace now.

If you have concerns regarding the performance of your flock or herd please contact the Drove Farm team for advice. Our in-house laboratory offers a full range of diagnostic services including worm and fluke egg counts, with results available within 24hrs. We will also be happy to provide you with a competitive quote for your wormer requirements alongside giving you best advice on correct anthelmintic usage.

For more information about any of the topics featured in this newsletter please contact **Drove Farm Office on (01793) 501499**

## ANTHELMINTIC RESISTANCE Study - Cattle

The British Cattle Veterinary Association (BCVA) and the Food and Environmental Research Agency are currently conducting a study into anthelmintic resistance in cattle, which is now starting to emerge more frequently in the UK. They are specifically interested in groups of animals where a suspected loss of efficacy or treatment failure has occurred. If you have concerns that this may be the case on your farm and are interested in participating in the study please contact the farm office where Chris has all the details of how to get involved.

## CHARITY OPEN DAY... ... AT DROVE VETERINARY HOSPITAL

Despite the showery summer weather our hospital Open Day was very well attended again this year. There was something for all the family to enjoy, ranging from guided tours of the hospital facilities, equipment demonstrations, dog behaviour talks and demonstrations, numerous stalls and a raffle. For the children, Ermintrude the cow made another appearance on the Farm Team stand along with pony rides in the field and some very artistic face-painting. Many thanks to all those who contributed to the success of the day which raised almost £1200 for the Prospect Hospice.

## INTRODUCING... NEW PARTNERS

The partners are very pleased to announce that Chris Price and David Rawlinson have joined the business partnership. We know their energy and abilities will strengthen the wide range of services our practice offers to all animal owners. Chris Price will be well known to most of our farm clients whilst David Rawlinson brings special skills to the small animal ultrasound, X-ray and surgery departments of the Hospital. We welcome them to the partnership and look forward to their contribution to the business.



ABOVE LEFT  
Chris Price *BVSc MRCVS*

ABOVE RIGHT  
David Rawlinson *BVetMED Cert DI MRCVS*



## AEROSOL DISPOSAL

We have been advised by our waste handling company that empty aerosol spray cans must no longer be disposed of in the large yellow DOOPS bins along with your pharmaceutical waste. We are currently investigating how to dispose of used antibiotic aerosols and will advise you accordingly as soon as possible, however in the meantime please stop putting them in the yellow bins!

## MARIE CURIE CANCER CARE CHARITY WALK

A big thank you to our farmers who supported Dee (Farm Office) and Jo (Head Receptionist) on July 5th as they walked 26 miles and climbed the three Yorkshire Peaks of Whernside 2415ft, Ingleborough 2375ft and Pen-Y Ghent 2277ft, all in just under 11 hours! It was exhilarating, sometimes exhausting and the scenery was quite spectacular. The £1500 we raised made the effort so worthwhile.

**Thank you all!**

## SMALL ANIMAL REPEAT PRESCRIPTION EXAMINATIONS

If your farm dog or cat is on long-term prescription medications please make sure that a vet examines the animal at least once every six months to avoid complications and delays when you ring to re-order medication. We are happy to examine pet animals alongside our farm visits to prevent the need for you to bring the animal in to the surgery for a consultation. However we do need to see the animal, not just have been present on the farm within the last six months! This is important for the long term health of your animal, as well as our legal position regarding prescribing medicines.

**Your Farm Team are:** Rupert, Peter, Kate, Chris, Janet and Alex

# FARM HEALTH SAFETY &

Many of you will be aware that there have been several injuries to members of our farm vet team over the last few months, and a few others have had lucky near-misses! I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the need for us all to be aware of our responsibilities regarding health and safety when handling livestock for the welfare of all concerned, including the often fractious patient.

It is in nobody's best interest for the vet, farmer, farm staff or indeed the animal to be injured in attempting restraint and treatment of a sick animal. Please do not take unnecessary risks and if you are aware of deficiencies or repairs required to your animal handling facilities please take action before somebody gets hurt!

**Thank you!**



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