

Newsletter

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Wedding day !

Saturday 24th March was a big day in the practice as James Ryder married Amy Teal. Amy joined the practice as one of our equine vets in January this year to work alongside her husband to be. We wish them both a long and happy married life together.

They are having a a few days away (minimoon) and then back to work !

Congratulations !!!!



MilkSure courses

Milksure is a training course for dairy farmers and their employees. The training is provided by your own vet and covers all the technical and practical aspects which are unique to your farm. The overall aim is to safeguard milk production which is free of veterinary medicine residues.

Milksure training is suitable for anyone who milks cows or a farm which has had a bulk tank failure may be asked to complete the training by their milk buyer.

Farms can benefit by:

1. Avoiding milk residue failures and the associated costs
2. Using medicines correctly and efficiently
3. Demonstrating commitment to consumers

Ring the practice for more information or to book Milksure training for your farm. There is also more information available at www.milksure.co.uk

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Bovigen Scour

Bovigen Scour is a long established vaccine for use in cattle to protect against Rotavirus, Coronavirus and K99 E.coli scours in calves. It has recently had a change in the license that means that it can now be used as a single dose primary course followed by a single dose



booster each year. This is given 12 to 3 weeks before calving and the dose is 3ml. It provides colostrum high in antibodies to protect the calf against these common and dangerous forms of diarrhoea. For more information please contact the surgery.

Disbudding goats

As goat kids are born this Spring, thought should be given to if and when you want them disbudded. Disbudding goats to prevent horn growth is more complicated than in calves and requires general anaesthesia. It also needs to be done very early in life (less than 7 days) as the horns form very quickly



and leaving it later than that risks regrowth of ugly scurs. If you are intending to have goats disbudded please contact the surgery well in advance so that we can arrange for it to be done.

Healthy feet program

The Healthy Feet Program (HFP) aims to help you reduce the number of lame cows on your farms by identifying and applying the right management techniques.

Lame cows cost time and money, and are a problem not only because of potential welfare issues, but also because, like any ongoing problem, they can affect staff morale.

Lameness is a term which covers many conditions: some are caused by infection, and some by physical and management factors. An understanding of which types of lameness are present, coupled with a structured approach to tackle the underlying causes is required to tackle lameness effectively.

James is our 'Mobility Mentor' having attended a specialist course and will tailor the plan to your individual farm to target cost-effective areas for improvement. As part of the program you will also receive one-to-one foot trimming tuition.

The approach is based around the 'four success factors'

- Low infection pressure
- Good horn quality and hoof shape
- Low forces on the feet – good cow comfort and cow flow
- Early detection and prompt, effective treatment of lame cows

The cost of the HFP is £750 and includes 3 separate farm visits over a 3 week period totaling 10 hours to assess all aspects of your farm that affect lameness, including one-to-one trimming tuition, the milking routine, facilities, housing, feeding, water trough space and cow tracks. Please call the surgery for more information, a chat with James about how it can help you or to book on 01373 451115.



Greg's Useless Fact!

During your lifetime, you will produce enough saliva to fill two swimming pools, which is about double that produced by a dairy cow in her lifetime.

