



## Coombefield Farm Department Newsletter January 2017



# Happy New Year Everyone

It's that time of year again when a lot of you start to think about vaccinating your cows against Leptospirosis and Bovine Viral Diarrhoea Virus (BVD). Before you reach for your usual BVD vaccine I just wanted to make you aware that there is a different type of BVD vaccine available called Bovela.

## BOVELA

vaccine works differently from the other BVD vaccines as it is a modified live vaccine which stimulates enough immunity to only require one injection every 12 months even for those cows and heifers that have never had the vaccine before. This makes the vaccination protocol much easier and simpler to follow as it means you do not have to keep track of those newly bought in cows or heifers that would normally require a primary course of two injections with the other BVD vaccines. All vaccines if used correctly work very well as a control against BVD. We have however seen problems with vaccinated herds getting BVD problems such as persistently infected (PI) animals which shed the virus and embryonic loss when there has been a break down in vaccination administration when groups of animals have only been given one injection of the primary course not the two injections or have been missed all together. Having one single injection for all animals every 12 months with Bovela reduces the risk of cows being missed or not having a fully developed immunity against BVD. Bovela protects against type 1 and type 2 BVD strains, whereas other BVD vaccines protect against only the one strain found in this country. Bovela can be used in animals as young as 3 months old.

If you are happy using an inactivated BVD vaccine, which requires a primary course of two injections followed by a yearly booster, and you are confident the timings of the injections are working on the farm then great, carry on. If you feel that working out which animal needs what and when is a headache then please ask us about Bovela. It is a vaccine that more and more farmers are switching to and now has a 30% share of the BVD vaccine market.

## NIMROD RED CALF



Another product that we have stocked for a while now is Nimrod Red Calf which has been working brilliantly for calves after they have been born via caesarean section. It would also work well with any difficult calving's where the calf has had distress and is struggling to come round. It contains glucose, caffeine, selenium and vitamin A. It is a good idea to have a couple nearby the calving pens so if you suddenly need one you have it to hand. We keep it in our Caesar box so we can grab it if needed.

# News from New Zealand



Tom and Beth have now started their travels around New Zealand. So far they have seen most of South Island except Kaikoura, which is still cut off after the earthquake. They came across a wild kiwi wandering around which most of us would only see in a zoo. They will be shortly heading off to South America for the next step of their journey.

## What's On at Coombefield Farm Department



### A PRACTICAL LAMBING WORKSHOP

Is it twin lambs or hypocalcaemia?  
How is the lamb presented?  
When to call for help?  
Care of new/sick lamb including stomach tubing and fluid therapy  
Castration and docking tails

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017**  
2pm – 5pm  
At Coombefield Farm & Equine Department, Summerleaze Farm  
£20 per person to include  
Afternoon Tea, Attendance Certificate and Course Notes



Please call 01297 630515 or email [farm@axvets.co.uk](mailto:farm@axvets.co.uk)  
Please RSVP by Monday 23rd January



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### FARM DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

If you would like to speak to a Farm vet or arrange a visit, please call 01297 630515

Medicines can be requested via email or by telephone

Email: [farm@axvets.co.uk](mailto:farm@axvets.co.uk)