



June 2015 Newsletter

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We have been quieter in the farm department for the last two weeks whilst you have all been hopefully making good silage. A couple of LDAs and more than usual grass staggers but it has been good to have a quieter period to catch up on paperwork and herd health plans.

Nimrod Red Calf

We have a new product on our shelves called Nimrod Red Calf. It is a paste to improve the survival of weak calves born in assisted calvings or by caesarians. The survival rate of calves born in difficult calvings is less than 50%. Most of these deaths are due to problems in breathing after abnormal head and body positions in the birth canal. The Nimrod Red Calf paste contains triglycerides, glucose, caffeine, selenium and vitamin A. The selenium in the paste is used to aid absorption of immunoglobulins from the colostrum which provides maternal protection and reduced mortality rates for the first six months of life.



New BVD Vaccine

Bovela is a new one dose vaccine which protects against type 1 and type 2 strains of BVD. It is an intramuscular injection which can be given to cattle from 3 months of age but more importantly should be given at least three weeks before heifers go to the bull. The vaccine lasts 12 months before a booster is required. This makes the BVD protocol much simpler rather than having a primary course of two injections followed by single annual boosters. If you decide to vaccinate using Bovela you must use only this and not switch back to other BVD vaccines as they all work differently and are not interchangeable. Please speak to one of us if you are interested in this vaccine or if you would like to go through any of your vaccination protocols.

Microchipping

For your information microchipping dogs will become compulsory from the 6th of April 2016. This will include all farm dogs so make sure your dogs have been done as it maybe included in farm assurance schemes at a later date.

FARM INFO

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
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