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JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER

ADVANCED WARNING FOR ALL SHEEP FARMERS

We have been made aware of some potential drug shortages in the coming summer, including **Cevac Chlamydia** and **Enzovax**. This live vaccine provides protection against **Enzootic Abortion (EAE)** caused by Chlamydia abortion and reduces disease for several years after a single injection. Ewe lambs can be vaccinated from 5 months old, and all animals need to be vaccinated at least 4 weeks before mating. Since supply issues are expected, we recommend vaccination as early as possible, e.g. when your ewe lambs are 5 months old, with older animals vaccinated 4 months prior to tugging. The EAE vaccine can be given on the same day as **Toxovax** at separate sites. Toxovax was unavailable for most of last year, and whilst we are expecting Toxovax to be available this year, it is also likely to see significant supply issues. For those that are **planning to synchronise or AI/ET** your sheep, we are also expecting a **shortage of fertility medications**.

Please pre-order your medications ASAP through our North Tawton branch on 01837 82327 and we will do our best to get what you need on time.

We have recently changed our buying-group and veterinary wholesaler for the supply of our medications. This is to ensure that we can remain competitive with our drug pricing and to (hopefully) minimise supply issues. As a result, there may be a few like-for-like product changes over the next couple of months.

MEDICINE TRAINING MEETING (RED TRACTOR REQUIREMENT)

We are running another **medicine training day on Tuesday 27th June at our North Tawton practice**. The course will run from **10:30am to around 2-2.30pm**, pasty lunch and other refreshments provided throughout the day. The cost for this course is £60 + VAT for first attendant from the farm and £30 + VAT for any additional attendants. This course has been approved by Red Tractor and everyone will receive a certificate of attendance.



It has now been a Red Tractor requirement for several years that at least one person responsible for treating livestock on your farm holds a certificate of competence in administering medicines. Please register your interest with any of the branches. As most of our clients have now completed this training, we are only running this course each 12-18mths – don't miss the chance to complete your training if it is still outstanding!

Contagious Ovine Digital Dermatitis (CODD) Survey for Farmers – a 4th year student at the Royal Veterinary College is undertaking her compulsory research project into the prevalence of CODD in the UK. Please consider completing this survey if you have a spare 10 minutes! <https://forms.gle/NiLpuiygg8xqCu6E7>



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