

Dear Farmer,

Welcome to the July edition of our farm newsletter. As always if there are any topics you would like to see in the newsletters please let us know.

## ENZOOTIC ABORTION IN SHEEP – VACCINATE NOW

Chlamydiosis is the main cause of infectious abortion of sheep in the UK. Approximately 50% of diagnosed infectious ovine abortions are caused by *Chlamydia abortus*. In a newly infected flock, 30 - 60% of pregnant ewes may abort during the first two years.

Alongside implementation of biosecurity measures, management of pregnant ewes and newborn lambs, and monitoring production targets, Cevac Chlamydia provides efficient protection against enzootic abortion in non-infected ewes and ewe lambs thereby helping to reduce excretion.

Ewes and ewe lambs should be vaccinated with Cevac Chlamydia no later than 4 weeks prior to mating to keep your flock free from enzootic abortion.

We encourage all flocks to be fully vaccinated with Cevac Chlamydia as we have seen some really great results in the past. However if you have a successful closed flock you may want to consider vaccinating replacement ewe and ewe lambs. Have a chat with one of our vets to discuss your flock's vaccination protocols.

If you vaccinated your flock last year with Cevac Chlamydia remember to vaccinate your replacement ewes and ewe lambs – again no later than 4 weeks prior to mating.



### Cevac Chlamydia

20 Dose = £40.00 + VAT    50 Dose = £100.00 + VAT

You may also want to consider vaccinating to reduce the effects of infection by *Toxoplasma gondii*, a parasite that causes abortion and barrenness in sheep resulting in significant economic losses. Speak to us for further information.

## TUBERCULIN TESTING UPDATE

We have passed another XL Farmcare (the company that provide disease surveillance solutions and services for England for the APHA) audit. This time they came and checked our administration processes for TB testing and other notifiable diseases as well as tuberculin storage and records at the surgery. We are pleased to say we passed so we are able to carry on providing you all with a TB testing service.

We are already booking up fast for September and October. But still have a few small spaces in July and August. Please remember if you would like a guaranteed date you will need to book in advance.

To book a TB Test please contact Debbie on 01647 440441 or email [moorgatetb@btconnect.com](mailto:moorgatetb@btconnect.com)

## WORM EGG COUNTS

Don't forget we can offer Worm Egg Counts at £5 per sample including interpretation and advice. It is good practice to get a WEC done on samples of dung from stock before worming – Targeting treatment can help reduce wormers, saving money and labour thereby helping to reduce the development of wormer resistance. A couple of fresh dung samples from each group should be sufficient to get an idea of the parasite burden in the group, and will be examined at our Bovey Tracey branch.

Don't forget.....

- Fluke Treatment
- Keep up to date with Fly Treatment on sheep and cattle
- Arrange PDs for Spring calvers
- Plan pneumonia vaccine for Spring born calves so they are protected in time for housing
  - Book in ram vasectomies
- Mid-summer worming dose with Zolvix for lambs to reduce resistant worm build up

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Ulli celebrated his 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday in June and decided to commemorate the occasion by travelling around Europe for 4 weeks with his wife Julie - an "Adventure before Dementia" trip! The month went quickly (for them as well as us left behind!) whilst they visited Norway, Sweden, Finland, Croatia, Slovenia, Austria, Germany and The Netherlands before returning with many tales to tell. Here are a few photos from their travels:



Date for the diary...

## Chagford Show Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2017

We will be the duty vets again this year for Chagford Show with Ulli Arnold and Ashley Rubens in attendance.

Come and visit our promotional stand near the main ring for a drink & a piece of cake.

Bring along your FREE farm client prize draw ticket from the bottom of this newsletter to be entered in our show draw. **FIRST TEN entrants on the day will receive a Moorgate Baseball Cap.**

You could win.....

- 1st Prize – £30.00 Moorgate Voucher
- 2nd Prize – £20.00 Moorgate Voucher
- 3rd Prize - £10.00 Moorgate Voucher



### Moorgate Veterinary Group at Chagford Show FARM CLIENT FREE PRIZE DRAW

NAME.....  
FARM NAME.....  
CONTACT NUMBER:.....

Place your ticket in the draw box on the Moorgate Promotional Stand at Chagford Show

*Draw will take place at Chagford Show at 4.30pm. Draw is only open to existing farm clients. Draw is not open to staff or their immediate family members*



## Practice Facilities

Appointment System  
Parking  
24 Hour Emergency Service  
Modern Surgical Facilities  
Nurse Clinics  
In-House Laboratory  
Digital X Ray Machine  
Pet Care Plans

### BOVEY TRACEY SURGERY

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Bovey Tracey, Newton  
Abbot, TQ13 9AL  
TELEPHONE ; 01626  
833023

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Moretonhampstead,  
Newton Abbot, TQ13 8LG  
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440441

### CHRISTOW SURGERY

Old Mines Road, Christow,  
Exeter, EX6 7NS  
For appointments/repeat  
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telephone; 01626 833023

### FOR OUT OF HOUR EMERGENCIES PLEASE

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