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Cattle Housing Checklist

Vaccinations
The housed environment is a perfect one for viruses to multiply and affect your stock. Check your herd's vaccination programme is up to date.

Parasite Control
Review testing and treatment - choose the right product at the right time. Don't forget about lice!

Ventilation
Fresh airflow is essential to reduce pneumonia, but it is also important to avoid draughts at youngstock level.

Nutrition and Water
Provide enough space, clean and easily accessible troughs for all stock. Send your silage off for analysis and supplement with boluses if needed.

Bedding and Slurry
Keep all beds and cubicles clean and dry. Monitor and manage slurry levels to help support healthy feet.

Freeze Branding

With cattle coming in for the winter, now is an ideal time to plan ahead for freeze branding. Our Vet Techs can provide freeze branding for both small groups and larger numbers of cattle. The service is charged on a per-animal basis, with no additional visit fee.

Contact the office to arrange an appointment and get your cattle booked in this winter.





Bulk Milk Testing Farm Walk

Emily and James recently hosted a farm walk discussing the importance of bulk milk testing as a valuable tool for monitoring infectious diseases and supporting herd health on farm.

A big thank you to MSD for kindly sponsoring a delicious lunch from Maiden Bradley Pantry, and to Canfield Farm for welcoming everyone and hosting the meeting.

Dispensary Update

Bimectin Plus
Will not return this season. Instead we will be stocking Ivomec Super as an alternative, available in multiple sizes.

Synulox RTU:
Stock is slowly returning, but Clamox RTU remains our alternative.

Heptavac:
All sizes expected back by the end of December.

Colostrum:
We are currently using Immucol Platinum due to SCCL stock availability.

New Product



CattleZen is a fast-acting topical product combining two pheromones to help reduce stress in cattle. Administered in a low-volume, single site application, CattleZen can be used to help manage stress during events such as weaning, dehorning, vaccination, transport and parlour training.

Fertility: The Effects of Summer

We are seeing poorer pregnancy diagnosis (PD) scan results in some herds following the summer. Heat stress is likely to be a key factor, with bluetongue potentially contributing too. We have also seen an impact on bull fertility when performing bull breeding soundness examinations.

If you haven't already had your cow's pregnancy scanned, now is a good time to find out how they have performed and identify any empty cows.

For spring calving herds, plan to have your bull's fertility tested before the next mating season, allowing time for recovery from any transient effects of Summer heat stress. For autumn-calving herds mating now, bulls should ideally have been tested before going in with the cows.

If you have concerns about their performance, please speak to our vets.

Dates for your diary

Calf Health Breakfast:
Thursday 26th November
Join Georgina, Emily and Gavin for breakfast and to review calf health data.

Lambing:
Wednesday 20th January
Prepare for lambing with our vet Katie, with a full day of theory and practical.

Beef Benchmarking:
Wednesday 27th January
Alex will be holding his annual Beef Benchmarking meeting.

AI Refresher:
Thursday 28th January
Ideal for those having previously completed AI training looking to refresh or learn new skills.

Riddle Time...

What can you catch but never throw?

Answer: A cold!

Useless Fact...

A giraffe has seven neck bones - the same number as a human.



With the festive season just around the corner, the team at **Wyvern would like to wish all our clients a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

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