



Disease Alert March 2017 – Summary

*Local farm conditions may change, consult your vet.
Effective worm control should be part of your veterinary health plan.*

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DISPLACED ABOMASUM

Cause

- Mobile 4th stomach fills with gas and becomes displaced
- Usually to left side of cow (LDA)
- Occasionally to right side (RDA), sometimes associated with torsion
- Many theories, likely to be multifactorial
- Milk fever and poor rumen fill are big risks
- Most likely after calving



Clinical signs and diagnosis

- Reduced milk yield
- Ketosis
- Unwillingness to eat concentrates
- Scour or scant faeces
- Right or left sided “ping”
- If torsion occurs
- Colic and shock

Treatment

- Many and varied techniques
- Surgical vs conservative for LDAs
- Surgical vs medical for RDAs
- Importance of recording
- DAs immediately after calving
– focus on transition period
- DAs several weeks after calving
– focus on peri-parturient disease

NEWBORN LAMB DISEASES

Watery Mouth

- **Cause** - E.coli gut infection leading to toxæmia
- **Clinical signs** – Dullness, inappetance, salivation, bloat
- **Risk factors** – Triplets, hygiene, poor colostrum

- **Treatment** – Enemas, antibiotics, fluids
- **Prevention** – Hygiene, colostrum ?metaphylactic antibiotics



Joint Ill (Polyarthritis)

- **Cause** – bacteria from various sources localising in the joints
- **Clinical signs** – lameness with swelling of 1 or more joints
- **Risk factors** – Poor hygiene. Poor colostrum intake.
- **Treatment** – Injectable penicillin
- **Prevention** – Reduce bacterial challenge. Ensure good colostrum intake.

Navel Ill (Umbilical infection)

- **Cause** – Infection of the umbilicus. Local abscess, or systemic infection
- **Clinical signs** – Depends on area of involvement.
- **Risk Factors** – Poor hygiene, poor navel dipping
- **Treatment** - liver disease or peritonitis often hopeless
- **Prevention** – Dip navel in strong iodine as soon as possible after birth and again 2-4 hours later

ALSO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR...

- Grass Staggers
- Entropion

JOBS FOR FEBRUARY

- Vaccinate cattle for leptospirosis
- Worm lambing ewes in line with SCOPS principles

Prevention is better than cure

Plan for health with your vet - get a veterinary health plan

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