



Disease Alert April 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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ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE

Introduction

- Increased scrutiny and pressure to change
- Perhaps the biggest risk to human health
- Increasing legislation and targets for antibiotic use
- Antibiotics still have an important role in animal health and welfare

Background information

- Genes conferring resistance have always been present in bacteria
- Antibiotics eliminate bacteria without these genes, allowing resistant ones to proliferate
- Resistance genes could be passed to pathogenic bacteria

Responsible Prescribing



- All antibiotics are POM-V in the UK
- Should only be used for the animal and disease prescribed for
- READ THE LABEL!
- Dose to an accurate animal weight
- Record all treatments
- Discuss preventive strategies to reduce antibiotic use with your vet

NEMATODIRUS

Clinical Signs

- Affects young lambs
- Profuse diarrhoea

- Mortality up to 5%
- Morbidity much higher

Diagnosis and Treatment

- Clinical signs and farm history
- Faecal egg counts of little value in diagnosis
- Post mortem larvae are found in the small intestine
- Treat and remove individuals, a flock approach requires veterinary advice



Prevention

- Prevention dependent on grazing history and weather
- NADIS parasite forecast
- Mass hatching once temperature over 10°C after cold snap
- Use of clean pasture
- Alternate grazing with cattle

ALSO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR...

- Coccidiosis
- Orf

JOBS FOR APRIL

- Vaccinate lambs for clostridial disease
- Manage cow tracks

Prevention is better than cure

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

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