



Disease Alert July 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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INFECTIOUS BOVINE RHINOTRACHEITIS (IBR)

- Viral disease of cattle
- Bovine herpes virus 1

Signs

- Death
- Difficulty breathing
- Pyrexia, Milk drop
- Conjunctivitis
- Nasal discharge
- Abortion
- Survivors become carriers
- Endemically infected herds with few signs



Treatment and Management

- Regular bulk milk samples a crude indicator
- Paired blood samples useful for individuals
- Nasal swabs demonstrate virus
- Supportive treatment for viral disease
- Antibiotics for secondary bacteria
- Vaccination possible in the face of an outbreak

Prevention

- Know your herd disease status
- Prevent buying in infected animals
- Maintain good farm boundaries
- Vaccines available

BLADDER STONES

Causes and Diagnosis

- Minerals in urine crystallise
- Associated with overfeeding certain rations
- Almost always males (narrow urethra / vermiform appendage)
- Texels especially prone

Clinical signs

- Straining to urinate
- Kicking at abdomen
- Grinding teeth
- Kidney failure



Treatment

- Usually surgical
- Catheter placement
- Urinary acidifiers

Prevention

- Ensure water supply
- Increase roughage
- Increase dietary salt
- Ammonium chloride
- Avoid overfeeding concentrates

ALSO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR...

- Summer Mastitis
- Fly Strike

JOBS FOR JULY

- Review drying off procedure
- Consider selective dry cow treatment

Prevention is better than cure

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

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