



## Disease Alert October 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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### TRAUMATIC RETICULITIS

#### Cause:

- Wire or Hardware disease
- Sharp object penetrates the 1<sup>st</sup> stomach
- Sources are often tyre wires from silage clamps

#### Signs

- Signs of abdominal pain
- Milk production and appetite reduced
- May be secondary heart problems
- Metal detector is of little help



#### Prevention and Treatment

- Surgery needs to be prompt
- Magnets can be installed on feeder waggons or given as boluses
- Remove old tyres, or replace completely

### COBALT DEFICIENCY

#### Cause

- Trace element
- Required in the production of vitamin B12 (Cobalamin)
- Deficiency (Pine) may occur in low cobalt areas, or secondary to scour

### Signs

- Most common in weaned lambs at pasture
- Ill thrift leading to pale membranes and nervous signs
- Diagnosis based on history and signs, confirmed by blood tests



#### Prevention and Treatment

- Vitamin B12 available by injection
- Cobalt containing drenches and boluses also available for prevention
- Agree a parasite control plan with your vet

### ALSO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR.....

- Liver fluke
- Johne's disease in sheep

### JOBS FOR OCTOBER

- Turn in rams for March lambs
- Review fluke control

**Prevention is better than cure**

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

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