



Highgate Veterinary Clinic

Farmers Newsletter - February 2008

Time to Think About Next Autumn!

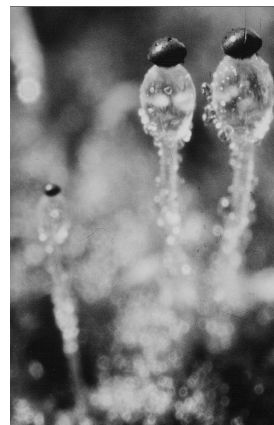
Now is the time to think about your strategy to prevent lungworm in your replacements. Many people now use Huskvac vaccination before turnout to ensure that lungworm is prevented.

Alternatively, other people rely on treating heifers that start to cough and they seem to get away with it. Or do they? If you're on the ball and treat as soon as coughing has started, you're already too late. Growth rates and fertility are affected and if the heifers are milking, their yields for that lactation will be reduced. In addition, these heifers seem more likely to get pneumonia later. If you don't act quickly, you run the risk of animals dying (and they can die very quickly).

Taking all these things into account husk can cost at least £60 per head (a lot more if you treat all the herd).

So the cost of Huskvac is insignificant compared to the cost of disease and well worth it to give you peace of mind.

If you want to know more, please give us a ring on 01539 721344



Fungi ready to launch lungworm larvae onto your farm?

Calf Scour – Reminder



Halocur – a specific treatment for cryptosporidia

Scour is a perennial problem but here's a few reminders re prevention and treatment.

- Always ensure calves get enough colostrum.
- Keep calving and calf rearing boxes as clean as possible.
- Diagnose your problem. There are subsidised lab tests to help you diagnose causes and then give specific treatments.
- Fluid therapy is THE main treatment. Antibiotics are of limited value.

This Month: February



Barren ewes can be tested FOC for toxoplasmosis.



Take care with cow fertility. It's February – in our experience the worse month!



Still keep an eye out for calf pneumonia.