



Highgate Veterinary Clinic

Farmers Newsletter - July 2005

Dog and Cat Vaccine Amnesty



Many of you get your farm dogs and cats vaccinated when they are young but then don't

keep up the annual boosters. Vaccines given to puppies and kittens don't last for their lifetime. Vaccinating cows and sheep against disease is now seen as good farming practice but collies and cats are often neglected.

Good working dogs are difficult and expensive to replace and need protection.

As an incentive to get your dogs and cat's protection up to date, we have arranged a special offer, which lasts until the end of August 2005. We are offering a complete new course

for the cost of a single booster vaccination. This works out at £20.52 for dogs and £20.48 for cats [or £33.84 including leukaemia vaccine]. This is a saving of £16, £13 and £26.40 respectively on the normal price (incl. VAT).

Cephaguard Dry Cow Tubes

Many of you have seen adverts for this new tube and have asked us about it. The drug in the tube is similar but not the same as Cepravin. It is a simi-

lar price and has a similar withdrawal period. Up to now we have not seen any evidence that it has any advantage over Cepravin. In fact, Schering

Plough have recently sent the practice a letter claiming that Cepravin has a longer action against the main pathogens than its new rival.

Taking this all into account, we are not stocking Cephaguard DC. If however you are keen to try it, please phone and make an order.

Major changes with new faces.



It is with great sorrow that we have to announce that Heather will be leaving the practice at the end of July. She will be joining the Scottish Agricultural College laboratory at Dumfries as a veterinary advisor. I am sure, like us many of you will miss her and we all wish her well in her new job.



Liz, as many of you know, is pregnant and will be leaving us in mid July for six months maternity leave. We will keep you informed as to the new addition to the family.

Fortunately we have two new assistants joining us.

Hannah Sinclair will starting work in the middle of July. Originally from Aberdeenshire, she qualified from Glasgow vet school and worked in Castle Douglas for 18 months before going off to New Zealand to do locum work in dairy and small animal practices.



Annalies Sarrazyn will be coming to work for us for six months starting in August. Annalies has seen practice with us twice and graduates from Ghent University in Belgium this year. She is a farmer's daughter and those of you who have already met her, will know she has very good English and a good communicator.

In Brief

Worming

The warm wet weather is great for gut and lung worms on pasture so young stock and sheep are at risk. Keep up with worming regimes and if you're in any doubt, please speak to us.

Flies

If they haven't already started, flies will soon become a nuisance. In cattle, it is best to start treating before the flies become a problem. The two main products on the market are both pour ons.

Spot on lasts between 4 and 8 weeks.

Butox came out last year and lasts 10 weeks. Both products have a nil milk withdrawal period.