



Highgate Veterinary Clinic

Farmers Newsletter - October 2006

Special offer on New Calf Rehydration Therapy



Ceva Animal Health have launched Rehydrion, a novel treatment for calf dehydration due to scour.

It is a concentrated liquid in an easy to use squeeze dispensing bottle. As it does not interfere with the milk clot in the calf's stomach, it can be added to milk.

Giving powders like Lifeaid extra mixed in water rehydrates the calf but it also starves it, slowing down the calf's recovery. Manufacturers have tried to improve

this by adding special sugars. This adds expense but is a poor substitute for milk. Using Rehydrion in milk corrects dehydration and continues to feed the calf.

This new product comes at a reasonable price. One bottle is the equivalent of 8 sachets of Lifeaid extra and costs approximately £12. If you purchase 4 bottles at once, they cost £40 and, until stocks last, come with a free calf teat feeder bucket worth about £12.

Cephaguard Dry Cow



Many of you are using Cephaguard Lactating Cow tubes and you may have seen adverts for Cephaguard Dry Cow tubes.

The antibiotic in these tubes is similar to that found in Cepravin and is claimed to penetrate deep into the tissue of the udder improving the clearance of chronic infection during the dry period.

A recent screening of individual cows with high cell counts in the UK has shown that Strep. uberis is the most common cause. This bacteria is difficult to treat in the lactation leading to high cell counts and recurrent clinical cases.

Cephaguard Dry Cow costs the same as Cepravin, is licensed to last 49 days and has a one day milk withdrawal thereafter.

Farm Contracts

For several years, we have offered some of our clients contracts giving them a different way to work with our practice and pay for the service.

We are now offering this contract and one other to all our clients. Both contracts have large discounts on medicines.

The accompanying sheet describes these contracts in a little more detail. Depending on your business and your turnover with us one contract may suit you better than another.

Please contact Mark if you would like to know more.

This Month



Start pneumonia vaccination of calves now before problems start.



Keep a lookout for signs of lungworm in outdoor cattle.



Worm cattle on turning in.



Vaccinate ewes against abortion before mating



Treat bought in sheep with Dectomax and Levamisole and isolate them for 1 week. This treats for sheep scab and kills off any drug resistant worms.