



Highgate Veterinary Clinic

Farmers Newsletter - January 2007

New Deal on Dry Cow Tubes

We are now offering a new and cheaper way to get your dry cow tubes. This offer is for purchases of large packs of tubes only and the tubes must be paid for at the time of collection. These are great value deals still with the convenience of collecting them from your local practice.

Please order these at least 1 day in advance as we may not carry them in stock.

Prices valid until 31st March 2007.

All prices exclude VAT.

Dry Cow Tube Price When Paid For At Time of Collection

Cepravin DC	160 tubes	£ 250
Orbenin DC	120 tubes	£ 160
Orbenin Xtra DC	120 tubes	£ 200
Bovaclox DC	120 tubes	£ 100
Bovaclox Xtra DC	120 tubes	£ 145
Cephaguard DC	180 tubes	£ 285
Orbeseal	120 tubes	£ 200

Feedback on Product Success or Failure



Last month we saw three outbreaks of pneumonia in young sheep which had been recently vaccinated with Heptavac P. We've got to admit we see this often but two farmers felt strongly enough that they complained to the manufacturers. In response, the company, Intervet has launched an investigation into these outbreaks, offering to pay for veterinary time and lab fees. It is probably likely that no definite answer will be found as to the reason for these vaccination breakdowns but we may be able to devise better vaccine protocols with help from Intervet.

If things go wrong, giving feedback to us and in turn to the drug manufacturers is important. Initially, we can evaluate the situation and then perhaps advise on improving how the product is used. Secondly, many companies are keen to investigate if things go wrong. Finally, in the long term if enough complaints are made, a manufacturer may be encouraged to alter a product to improve it and so benefit us all.



A New Face for a New Year



We wish to welcome our new veterinary colleague, Angela Smith.

Angela qualified from Glasgow University in 2004 and since then, she has worked in mixed practice in Falkirk.

Most of her experience is in beef cattle but she is keen to develop her skills in the dairy sector.

Out of Hours Medicine Ordering

We are trying to give you the best deals on medicines but these downward trends on medicine prices mean that other parts of our service have to be charged for directly.

An example of this is when medicines are requested outside normal surgery opening times. If we have to make a special journey into the surgery, we will add a surcharge of £8.64.

We hope you can appreciate that supplying this type of service does come with a cost which we have to cover. Obviously, if we can put drugs out when visiting the surgery for another reason, we will not charge anything extra.

This Month: January



Heptavac P and worm ewes within a month of lambing.



If on "flukey" land, fluke sheep.



Give the farm dogs a New Year's treat – worm them as well!