



Highgate Veterinary Clinic

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Sheep Abortion Prevention

Sheep vaccine was difficult to get hold of last back end and some sheep may have been missed out. Although vaccination is the best way to prevent both toxoplasma and enzootic abortion there are other measures that can be taken to reduce abortion.

Injecting ewes after day 100 of pregnancy with Alamycin LA can go some way towards reducing enzootic abortions. In addition, we've seen Alamycin LA used successfully in preventing pneumonia at times of stress; e.g. housing or transporting.

A recent small scale study published in the veterinary and farming press found that a jab of Alamycin LA gave better results at treating sheep lameness than foot trimming alone and even foot trimming and jabbing with Alamycin LA.

There is some recent anecdotal evidence that treating all the flock with micotil (it is still available but can only be used by vets) can eradicate foot rot from the farm.

Losses due to Toxoplasmosis can be significantly reduced by feeding 2mg / kg body weight Decoquinatate (Deccox)

Farmgate Kendal finds premises

We are pleased to announce that from 1st April Farmgate Veterinary Services will have a Kendal branch at the former A-Plant depot, 8 Mintsfeet Enterprise Park, Mintsfeet Road North, Kendal (On the way to West Cumberland Farmers). Opening times will be 8.30am – 5pm, Monday –Friday.

This Month

- ◇ Treating thin ewes and those carrying multiple lambs with moxidectin (cydectin) at or just before lambing has been shown to reduce the shedding of worm eggs and so can reduce the need to worm lambs.
- ◇ Treating new born lambs with Spectam Scourhalt has been shown to reduce the incidence of watery mouth when used with other control measures i.e. hygiene and administering good quality colostrum. **We are offering a special offer this lambing season, buy twelve Spectam Scourhalt and get one free.**
- ◇ Cattle nutrition meeting 'Feeding the transition cow' on Wednesday 23rd February at the Longlands Hotel, Carnforth.
- ◇ Huskvac – remember that the time to order lungworm vaccine will soon be upon us.