FriarsMoor Livestock Health

Newsletter
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REDUCTIONS IN HERD LEVEL LAMENESS WITH REGULAR MOBILITY SCORING AND FOOT TRIMMING

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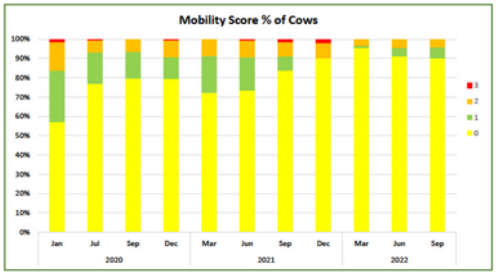
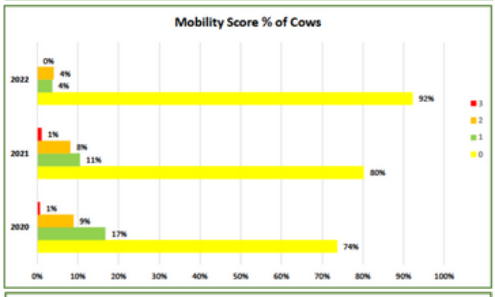
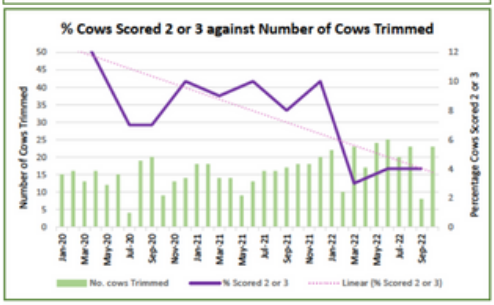
We recently analysed mobility scoring data from some of our dairy farms who have regular, mobility scoring and foot trimming visits to look at to what impact these interventions had on herd-level lameness.

Of the anonymised farms for which data is shown, based on data collected by our ROMS accredited mobility scorers:

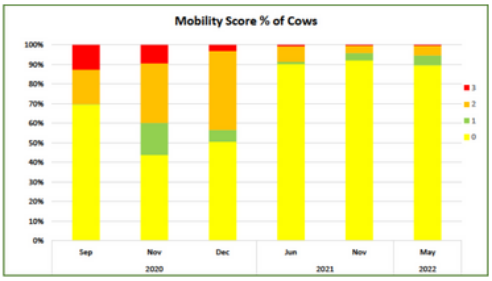
Farm A has seen a reduction from 27% to 8% lameness over 2 years, a relative reduction of 70%,

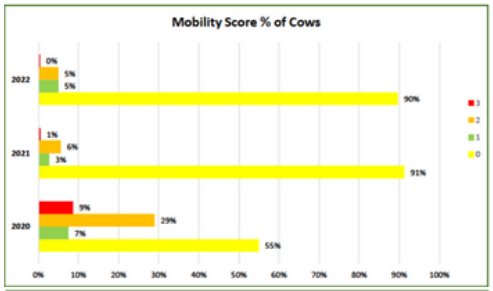


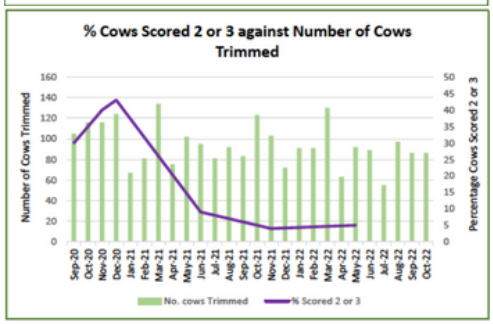




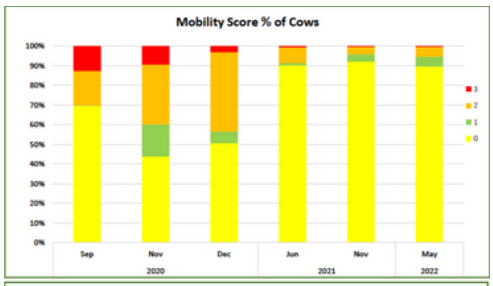
Farm B reduced lameness from 45% to 10% over the same time-period, a relative reduction of 78%.

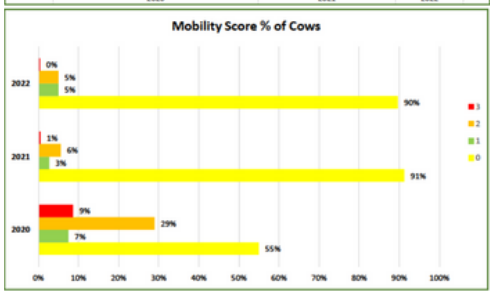


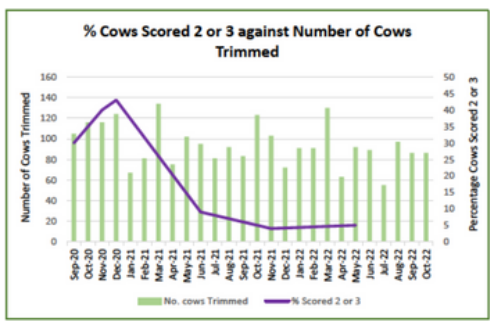




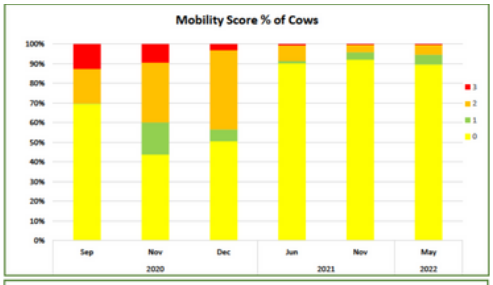
Farm C has reduced lameness from 19% to 8% of the herd over a two-year period which is a relative reduction of 58%,

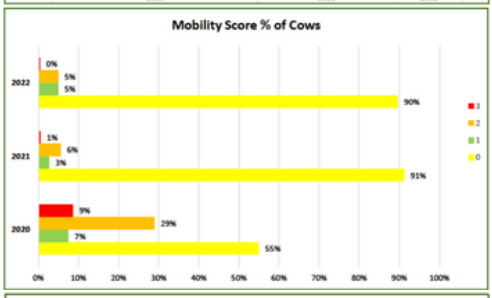


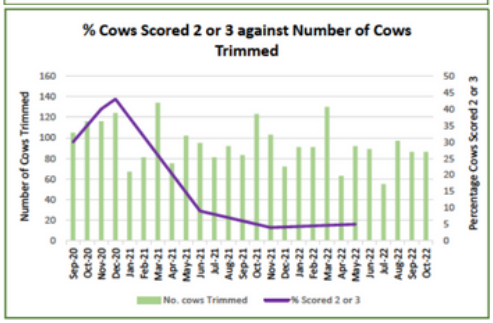




Farm D has reduced lameness from 22% to 7% of the herd in this time, a 68% reduction.







It would be misleading to suggest that such large improvements in herd mobility have been achieved by mobility scoring and trimming alone and the farms with the most impressive improvements have generally made significant management changes e.g. improving cow comfort, reducing standing times, vigilant footbathing etc. and have culled hard to remove chronically lame cows from the herd. Nonetheless, the data is a great illustration of what can be achieved when farmers, trimmers, vets and mobility scorers work together, as a team, to address lameness on the farm.

HELP FOR SMALLHOLDERS

LUCIE

ALEX

STEPHEN

MARIANNA

Lambing package - £150 + VAT per year to include:

- Pre tupping ewe check over
- Crutching pre tupping
- General Lambing help (tagging, castrating, tailing etc)
- Colostrum testing
- Weighing lambs
- Vaccinations

General sheep package - £210 + VAT per year to include:

- Vaccinating
- Crutching
- Worming
- Fly treatment
- Foot trimming
- Sample collection for faecal egg counts
- Blood sampling

There can be an option of both packages at a discounted price.

Any medication used will be an additional charge

Other sheep services available at additional charge:

- Trained working dog help
- Use of weigh crate
- Pregnancy scanning

FLY TREATMENT AND VACCINATION ROUNDS FOR SMALLHOLDERS

VACCINATION ROUND - save on money and share the cost with other small holders:

- 4 select days per year for vaccinations against clostridial and pasturella diseases
- For ewes and lambs
- Charged per dose used with visit time included

FLY TREATMENT - Preventive fly treatment against fly strike for adult sheep and lambs:

- Crovect, Clikzin and Clik Xtra
- Charged per head
- Visit time included in price

Please call the farm office to discuss your requirements.

STAFF NEWS:

Happy work anniversary to Jess, who has been working with us at Friars Moor for 10 years! We are so lucky to have her on our team. Here's to more happy years!

We also wish Izzie, our drug purchasing manager, and her partner Tim, good luck as she has left to go on maternity leave! We look forward to hearing the happy news of their new arrival very soon.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

26 APR

MILKSURE

Wednesday 26th April 2023, 11am. Location TBC. The course focuses on how medicines are used on dairy farms and how increasing awareness of medicines usage can reduce antibiotic usage and decrease the risk of bulk tank failures. Friars Moor has many Milksure trained vets who are able to facilitate the training, part one being undertaken in a group and part two on your own farm with your own vet. £75 + VAT

TBC

MASTERING MEDICINES

To register your interest for our next mastering medicines course please contact the farm office and we will add you to our list! Date and location to be confirmed.

TBC

FOOT TRIMMING COURSE

To register your interest for our next foot trimming course please contact the farm office and we will add you to our list! Date and location to be confirmed.

TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS PLEASE CALL THE FARM OFFICE ON 01258472314

DRUG UPDATE:

Proactive drug pricing

From April 2023, we have made the decision to reduce the prices of our most commonly used vaccines, pain relief and teat sealants.

This move is made as a proactive step to encourage use of pain relief and the incorporation of vaccines and teat sealants in the management of disease and antibiotic stewardship.