FriarsMoor
Livestock Health

JULY NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING COURSES
HERDSPERSON COURSE
Course runs over seven-weeks, sessions held every Weds 11am-2pm starting 8th October

G & S SHOW
13th & 14th August
Come see us at Plot G29

Does your parlour need a MOT? Read on for how a parlour test can help solve some common milk quality and mastitis issues.

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IS YOUR PARLOUR HOLDING YOU BACK?

As all dairy farmers will know, it is a requirement for your milking parlour to undergo a static parlour test with your technician. This test is designed to ensure the parlour is set up correctly, it checks that the vacuum and pulsators are capable of operating within acceptable levels and that the equipment is safe to use. Much like taking your car to an MOT.

Just like an MOT couldn't detect a problem that only occurred when you were driving your car – for example, the speedometer not working, a static parlour test can't either.

In real terms, this means that it doesn't measure the actual vacuum level and pulsator function that your cows experience when they are being milked, and that is where dynamic parlour testing (DPT) using a VaDia device comes in.

Read more overleaf...

UPCOMING COURSES

- **CALF REARING LEVEL 1**
  22/08/25
- **MILKSURE**
  01/09/25
- **FIRST AID AT WORK**
  04/09/25

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FIRST 100 TESTS FREE*

AMP LAB

RAPID MASTITIS TEST
NEW 4HR DIAGNOSTIC SERVICE
Samples to arrive at West Stour before midday

- Safely test and then decide best treatment
- Stop unnecessary antibiotic use & wasted milk
- Save time and money
- Improve herd health & insights

ONE TEST. ONE TREATMENT.

*The first 100 tests are available in total, not per company. Tests allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Biotangents

REMINDER: Find us at the Gillingham & Shaftesbury Show 13th & 14th August

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The VaDia device is attached to a cluster while milking continues as normal. The machine measures the vacuum level and pulsation at the teat end. A trace is developed which shows the vacuum level at the teat end and how this varies with high and low milk flow. This is then used to determine:

How efficiently the cows are milking
Are they letting their milk down in good time?
The level of vacuum reserve available
Is the vacuum functioning efficiently when all the cows are being milked?
How well ACRs settings are suited to the cows
Are the units coming off at the right time?

As the vet is in the parlour throughout milking, we combine a DPT and an assessment of the milking routine, parlour hygiene and cow behaviour. This also gives the opportunity to score cows teats for teat end damage and oedema. This can be extended to include a Bactoscan investigation where the wash routine is evaluated and any areas for improvement can be identified.

The information we gain from a DPT and parlour assessment can help us to work with you to increase cow comfort and promote good cow flow in the parlour, reduce milking times and increase milk yields, as well as reducing spread of contagious mastitis within the parlour.

Are you experiencing any of the following in your herd?

- High levels of teat end damage
- Teat swelling soon after clusters come off often combined with high levels of clinical mastitis in heifers
- Cows not milking out properly
- Squawking and liner slip
- Mastitis always affecting the same quarters
- A large number of persistently high cell count cows
- Persistent problems with high bulk milk cell counts or Bactoscan

Then why not chat to your routine vet about whether this test could benefit your herd.

FRIARS MOOR LIVESTOCK HEALTH
PRACTICAL COURSES

25th July 10-1pm Location TBC

£70 +VAT Lunch included

COW STOMACH PUMPING

Register today!

- **How to correctly position the stomach tube in the adult cow**
- **How to identify when fluids are indicated**
- **Discussion of rehydration products available**

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