

ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE PATHWAY: HOW TO ACCESS YOUR FUNDED VET VISITS!



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- Are you a BPS claimant?
- Do you have more than 20 sheep, more than 50 pigs OR more than 10 cattle?
- Would you like a government funded visit to assist with health and welfare of your animals?

On 7 February, DEFRA announced the rollout of the SFI annual health and welfare review to eligible farmers. This includes a performance review that can be carried out for one species of livestock annually.

What does the review include?

Farmers who keep cattle, sheep and pigs can obtain some funding towards a vet visit and endemic disease testing. Following the visit your vet will write a report which in conjunction with test results, the farmer submits online, in order to claim the contribution funding back.

A review might take around an hour, at a time to suit you. It will concentrate on the animals' specific health and welfare priorities but will be guided by the areas that you want to focus on.

All reviews will involve a discussion on animal health and welfare and setting achievable actions for the year ahead as well as diagnostic testing: - BVD in cattle / PRRS in pigs / the effectiveness of worming treatments in sheep.

Other areas might include:

- Parasite control and management
- Responsible medicines usage
- Lameness investigation

Guidance on eligibility can be found at: [SFI annual health and welfare review | GOV.UK](#)

Funding is contributed towards the vets' time, cost of diagnostic testing and time for writing a report.

First step

The first step for you to get started is to register your interest. Visit: [Register your interest in a health and welfare review of your livestock | GOV.UK](#)

Initially, you will only be able to register for one species' review. Registering must take place before you can apply for a review. This will, in the initial stages, help to manage the process and make sure farmers get a good service.

The RPA, who is administering this scheme for DEFRA, will then check that you are eligible. Where you are eligible, you will receive an email inviting you to apply. The email will also include a link to the guidance.

Further information

More information on the background and future steps can be found in this DEFRA blog: [The annual health and welfare review: rolling out yearly vet visits | GOV.UK](#)

If you have any questions about these visits, please contact the practice or speak to your routine vet.



FRIARS MOOR YOUNGSTOCK GROUP

Topic: "Healthy Lungs, Healthy Calves"

Friday 24th March 2023, 10.30am start

Brunsell Farm, Cat Lane, Staunton Caundle DT10 2JX by kind permission of
Alban and Helen Harris.

Join us for discussion on how to reduce pneumonia in dairy and beef
youngstock by improving immunity and reducing environmental
challenge.

We will be joined by Tomi Jones, Hardware manager from Wynnstay who
will guide us through how to assess and adapt the calf environment to
optimise air quality.

Followed by lunch at The White Hart, Bishops Caundle.

Sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim and Wynnstay

To RSVP call the farm office on 01258472314, or go to our website
www.friarsmoorlivestockhealth.co.uk/events/

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YOUNGSTOCK GROUP MEETING

"Healthy Lungs, Healthy Calves." Join us to discuss
how we can house calves in the most appropriate
environment whilst growing calves that are
resilient to lung disease. **Friday 24th March 2023,**
10.30am start. Brunsell Farm, Cat Lane, Staunton
Caundle DT10 2JX

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AI COURSE

This is a three-day training course, which consists
of one theory training day followed by two
practical training days. **Tuesday 28th March**
2023, start time TBC. Friars Moor branch,
Manston Rd, Sturminster Newton, DT10 1BH.

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Milksure

The course focusses 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

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 to be**
confirmed.

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

DRUG UPDATE:

Huskvac:

AVAILABLE TO ORDER! Please ring to discuss your
requirements with Cathy

Ubrostar Red

Back in stock

Clostridia's vaccines:

Covexin 10 100ml bottles are now available



STAFF NEWS:

The latest members to join the team are vet techs Lucie
and Pippa! We are excited to have them onboard and
many of you will have seen Lucie already out on farm.
We also wish Izzie, our drug purchasing manager, good
luck as she leaves us to go on maternity leave at the end



of the month and we look forward
to hearing the happy news of her
new arrival soon. Congratulations
also to our vet Alice, who has given
birth to her beautiful baby girl
Elsbeth!



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