FriarsMoor
Livestock Health

Newsletter
December 2022

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE FRIARS MOOR TEAM! THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT OVER THE LAST YEAR!

THE ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE REVIEW By Helen Rogers

This January, the Animal Health and Welfare Review will be launched across the UK. The scheme is open for all those claiming BPS with more than 10 cattle, 20 sheep or 50 pigs. Currently a review of only one species can be carried out per SBI number, however the scheme will eventually be open for multi-species reviews and for those not claiming BPS.

The funding provides an opportunity for up 90 minutes of time (timings are species specific) with your vet on farm to review your performance. Our recommendation would be that this is a targeted review, to allow data to be analysed by us prior to the meeting to ensure best use of the funded time. With that in mind, please think of areas which you would like to focus on prior to booking in your review. The funding does not cover the generation of a Herd Health Plan.

To take part, the farmer must fill out an expression of interest form on the government website (available once launched in January). Having been accepted the review must be carried out, test results and report uploaded within six months.

Alongside funding performance analysis on farm, the project will also allow information on disease prevalence to be gathered. All participating farmers must partake in disease surveillance for BVD (cattle), wormer efficacy (sheep) and PRRS prevalence (pigs). This means that we need to time the reviews strategically depending on the species.

(SEE TABLE BELOW)

Having participated in this funding, farmers can apply for grants to co-fund capital investments to support the delivery of the health and welfare priorities published in the report generated after their review session.

This will include:

- smaller grants, where farmers can select from a list of equipment and technology items
- larger grants, for bespoke infrastructure projects such as new housing, building upgrades and pasture improvements

The competitive grants will initially be open to livestock farmers with cattle, pigs, sheep, meat chickens and laying hens. In future years of the programme, will hope to expand to other livestock farmers such as those with goats, ducks, or turkeys.

Please do not hesitate to get in contact with us at the surgery to discuss this more.

Farm type	Testing required	Test specifics	When to time your application
Beef	**BVD ELISA testing**	Blood samples on calves more than 6 months of age and unvaccinated. Six samples funded	For a spring calving suckler herd, the application needs to be submitted after June to ensure the weaned calves are a suitable age.
Dairy	**BVD Bulk Tank PCR or Antibody**	Bulk Tank sample	Make sure the whole herd is not dry when the revies is carried out!
Sheep	**Pre and post-worming WEC**	Faecal samples will be collected by vet techs One pre and one post worming sample funded	Apply in the spring, but discuss optimal timing of samples with us prior to the review
Pigs	**PRRS ELISA test**	Blood samples on non-vaccinated pigs, more than twelve weeks of age. Up to 30 samples funded – these must all be taken at one visit	Application depends on when farrowing.

SAVE THE DATE

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL FRIARS MOOR FESTIVE DRINKS!

11th January 2023 @ 7:30pm

The Halsey Arms, Pulham, Dorchester, DT2 7DZ

&

25th January 2023 @ 7:30pm

The Kings Arms Inn, East Stour, Gillingham, SP8 5NB

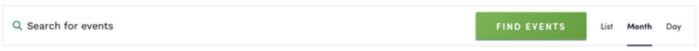
PLEASE RSVP TO THE FARM OFFICE ON 01258472314, WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

CHECK OUT OUR BRAND NEW WEBSITE:

www.friarsmoorlivestockhealth.co.uk

NEW FEATURES:

You can now book your place on our courses via our website! See all courses available on our calendar and follow the prompts.



Keep you eyes peeled also for our drug order form which will be released soon! This will allow you to request your drugs via the website. It will appear on the top banner shown below.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

9TH DEC

Regenerative & Beef Discussion Group

Reducing Fertiliser Use. Meeting to include opening up Bokashi compost, made with the group 8 weeks ago. Friday 9th December, 11am-2pm. Lunch will be provided. Mount Pleasant Farm, Woolland, DT110EX

13TH DEC

Milksure

Come and join us as we focus 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. Tuesday 13th December, 11am-1:30pm. Lunch will be provided. West Stour Village Hall, Church Street West Stour Gillingham SP8 5RL

4TH JAN

Spring Calver Calving

"Thinking beyond the norm". Join us for discussion on optimising calf health as we reflect on a range of topics that farms managed in 2022 - to plan well for calving 2023. Wednesday 4th January, 11.30 – 1.30pm. Lunch provided. Meeting room at Park Corner Farm, Mere, Warminster BA12 6AH.

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Block Calving Pre Calving Visits

Pre calving visits to optimise calf rearing success this spring. Before calving starts, take the time for a fresh look at calf health and performance. Involve your calf rearing team. Choose a specific area of calf health area to discuss and together we can focus on how to improve it.

TO RSVP TO OUR MEETINGS PLEASE CALL THE FARM OFFICE ON 01258472314

DRUG UPDATE:

We anticipate that the first batch of Bovilis Huskvac will be available to order from the end of January 2023. We will keep you updated with the latest availability nearer the time. Make sure you get your free vaccination wheel planner and doser with your order!

Please contact the practice to discuss this more.

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