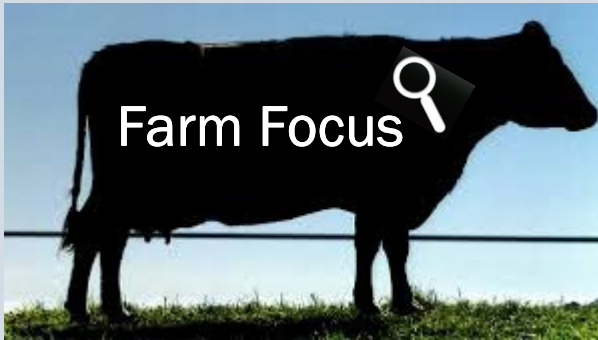


June 2015



Come & Give Your Liver A Hard Time

Many things you ingest damage your liver, from alcohol to facial eczema spores and liver fluke cysts. We invite you to join the Vets North team to damage your own liver with some alcohol courtesy of VN along with learning how to protect your stock from liver damage by liver fluke.

A new combination fluke and worm drench has been introduced onto the market that has some real advantages for dairy and beef farmers in terms of both its withhold times and the range of worms that it will kill. It also comes with the best liver fluke video that we have ever seen.

This informal education session will be at VN Helensville clinic on Wednesday 17th June from 5 - 7.30pm. Brian & Mark will be present along with Stu from Merial, to explain the complexities of successful liver fluke control. All livestock farmers and their staff are welcome. Please RSVP to Helensville@vetsnorth.co.nz or ring the clinic.

Annual RVM Meetings

The time has come around again to set up next season's restricted drug lists for the dairy farmers. Dairy farmers will be contacted shortly by Clinic staff to schedule a suitable time to meet with Mark at VN Helensville clinic so the RVM lists can be created and/or updated.

It is very useful if all farm staff are present at the RVM Meeting as this is an opportunity to make sure they understand appropriate drug use along with the withhold times. We also want to take this opportunity to set up dates for vaccinations, dehorning, pregnancy testing etc. Money is going to be tight next season so working more efficiently is important.

RVM meetings should not be seen as a cost but as an opportunity to rationalise drug use and to ensure that appropriate and cost effective choices are being made.

Field Day Specials

Buy Eprinex 20L & Get 1L Free & 20kg bag of Royal Canin Canine Energy 4800 Food

Genesis Injection 500ml - Save \$60

20% Off Eclipse E 500ml & Free Rugby Jersey

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Copper Levels

Many cattle in this area are marginal or deficient for copper. The situation is complicated by the feeding of Zinc for facial eczema control (depresses copper) and PKE (elevates copper). While low copper depresses growth and fertility, excess supplementation can cause toxicity and death.

Copper levels can best be determined from liver samples. These can be determined from works culls if the form is sent on the truck with the stock, or by liver biopsy from the on farm stock. Liver samples give a lot more information than bloods and biopsies and are not hard to do. Once we know the copper situation we can give you the best advice to maximise your stock performance without wasting your money.

0800 VTS NTH

AFTER HOURS: 0274 957 986

68 Access Road, Kumeu - P: 09 412 9016 - Kumeu@vetsnorth.co.nz

45 Commercial Road, Helensville - P: 09 420 8325 - Helensville@vetsnorth.co.nz



Pre Lamb Drenching of Ewes

The treatment of ewes pre lambing with long acting drench products can be very beneficial to both the ewes & lambs body weight at weaning. However, it is the most risky thing you ever do in regards to developing drench resistance on your farm. This is a decision that should never be undertaken without professional advice on the product to use, which stock to drench, grazing management over lambing and in fact whether to drench at all.

Pre-lamb drenching of the ewes is often done at the same time as their pre-lamb 5 in 1 vaccine booster. Be aware that Nilvax and combination drenches are not a good mix as both contain Levamisole and toxicity may result. If feeding brassica in late pregnancy then iodine supplementation should be considered to prevent goiter.

We will be contacting our sheep farmers to arrange a meeting on farm to discuss these and other issues. If we have not contacted you feel free to give us a ring. The responsible management of long acting drenches is something that we take very seriously.

COMPETITION

First correct answer wins a Chilli Bag, Angus Book & Rugby Jersey prize pack.

What am I? - I can be green. I'm a well known identity with my feet firmly on the ground & some believe I have spiritual powers.

Email answers to lisa@vetsnorth.co.nz.

Merial Ancare Winter Promotions



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- 2X ECLIPSE® E INJECTION 3L Pack
- 1X ECLIPSE® Pour-On 10L
- 1X EPRINEX® 20L + 5L

Promotion runs from 1st May - 31st July 2015

QUALIFYING PRODUCTS - Sheep

- 2500 Capsules: BIONIC® Hi-Mineral
- 2450 Capsules: BIONIC® Prime

Promotion runs from 1st May - 30th September 2015

Rural Dog Newsletter

We are kicking off the winter months with a new working dog newsletter.



The aim is to keep you updated with relevant rural/working dog news, promotions, competitions and information to help you keep your team in tip-top shape all year.

Our first issue will be out next week so please keep an eye on your mailbox & Inbox!