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AUGUST NEWSLETTER

We have had a new full time vet, Liam Mowbray, start this month. Liam is from Rainbow Flat and started off as a hospital radiographer before vet science beckoned. He is passionate about cattle in particular, and has his own stud Angus cattle which he is building up with embryos and local purchases.

This month we have seen calves with the scours, and have diagnosed rotavirus, cryptosporidia, and the LLS have found Mannheimia and E. coli, but not all in the same calf.... Calf diarrhoea always comes down to housing, hygiene and colostrum, but can be a real challenge to predict when

you are doing things right with no disease and something triggers an outbreak. Also, gut infections can make the calf bacteraemic, and bacteria looking for a home can also cause pneumonia. Unfortunately the best way for a definitive diagnosis is by post mortem sampling.

Congratulations to the Higgins family at Curracabark/Myra and the Laurie family from Knowla. Both had fantastic sales. The young bulls had spent more than half their lives in drought, so a lot of effort went into them.

Cattle Diseases of the Month
calvings , including a twisted uterus
prolapses , vaginal and uterine
eye cancers
lame cows
eye removal after bad pink eye
prolapsed anus
theileria
neospora positive in an aborted heifer

In pre sale bull testing, we had a Charolais Bull with small testes, low sperm numbers and poor motility, sperm morphology abnormal with lots of bent tails, and a corkscrew penis. Not much going for him. Will become a beautiful steer !

At pre sale tests we feel and measure the testes and scrotal circumference. Too small may knock them out, too large and there may be a problem. A rectal is done to check the prostate and seminal vesicles for infection. Then a semen exam is done for numbers and concentration, and abnormalities. The penis is also checked for abnormalities. For some sales we also

check teeth and eyes, feet and gait. Some sales do not require semen tests.

And in the Horses.....

The horse's birthday came and went, and we have had a couple of mares foal already with no complications. One foal had mildly contracted tendons. These can be treated early with an antibiotic that relaxes tendons and very small doses of antiinflammatories.

If you have a mare due to foal, think about where she will foal and if it is safe for the foal. Check that the mare isn't caslicked. For foals born near bush use a dog tick collar on it from day 1. Know where you can get some colostrum if needed, especially if the mare runs milk prior to foaling. Check that the foal drinks, pees and poos normally. Have a Fleet enema handy for retained meconium in colt foals. Don't forget to keep an eye on the mare to make sure she passes intact membranes within 12 - 18 hours.

Horse diseases of the month

Cuts
Colics
Big Head
foot abscesses
sarcoïd
Cushings Disease
corneal ulcer
uveitis
stick in hoof
placentitis, that progressed to foetus dying with only five weeks to go.
laminitis

With a mild winter and spring around the corner careful of laminitis. Ponies in particular are at risk as well as any horses that have a history of it, and those horses that have Cushings. Bad seedy toe can also inflame the laminae. Make sure their hooves are well looked after and monitor their diet and weight.

For accounts and correspondence we now prefer tvhreception@gmail.com, not the old tarvet address.

RUN DATES FOR AUGUST

LANSDOWNE.....	THURS 6TH
OXLEY/MITCHELL'S IS.....	TUES 11TH
HANNAM VALE.....	THURS 13TH
DYER'S CROSSING.....	TUES 18TH
WINGHAM.....	THURS 20TH
LORNE/COMBOYNE.....	TUES 25TH
COOMBA AND THE DEEP SOUTH....	THURS 27TH

