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JULY NEWSLETTER

It's been a slow start to the mandarin season, no real contenders yet. These cold days should change that.

Every month we see lame cows for various reasons. There is a good case in the latest cattle vets journal about selenium deficiency causing lameness. We know here on the coast we are selenium deficient, and selenium is often implicated in retained membranes, mastitis and reproductive problems, and white muscle disease in calves, but not lameness. The lameness was fixed in these cows by selenium supplementation.

We've done lots of preg testing beef cattle this past month and there have been

excellent results considering some joining was during the drought, with 5-10% extra empties.

Pre sale bull testing is underway. Things we look for in semen are sperm numbers, motility and abnormalities. The penis is inspected for abnormalities including deviation and corkscrew. Rectally the prostate and seminal vesicles are checked. And the testes are measured and palpated.

We have had one Angus bull on a dairy with reduced fertility after having 3 Day Sickness.

On a dairy last week I noticed some variegated thistle growing. This came to this farm in bought-in hay, and is not usually seen here. It causes nitrite poisoning which is fatal without prompt treatment.

Cattle Diseases of the Month

calvings - a couple of bad ones in fat cows and heifers, I think because the last few months have been good and a lot of growth has been in the foetus too.

prolapses , vaginal and uterine

eye cancers

lame cows

Bull Sales

Curracabark Sale - Angus and Hereford -
Monday July 20th 1 pm
call James Higgins 65587515

Knowla Livestock - Angus - Friday July
31st 1 pm
call James Laurie 65585519

Both sales have online catalogues and are on Auctions Plus.

And in the Horses.....

Last week I removed the swamp cancer that started off about the diameter of a dinner plate, on a horse's chest. We then vaccinated the mare with a Pithyosis vaccine four times, and nine months later it is about fist size. We cut it open after removing it and there were some nodules that still contained infective material, so although the vaccine had worked there's a good chance it would have recurred.

This month we had a case of a gelding with a persistent erection, priapism, that had become swollen and unable to retract. This is serious in horses because the nerve supplying the penis can become damaged and then it is unable to be retracted. Treatments are mainly to stop it drying out and the swollen skin from being damaged, hope it gets better, or even amputation.

However, in the last 20 years there are a whole lot of human drugs used in men that have taken too much Viagra ! I found a report of one of these used in two horses. Our compounding pharmacy couldn't get it in injectable form but it is cheaply and freely available as a tablet. So we tried five tablets twice daily and after a day, no more erection. It is still swollen and we wait to see if he can pull it back in.

I had a good case this month where a client asked for her horse's tear duct to be flushed, as it had a chronic runny eye. The duct opening in the nose was wet, so I thought it wouldn't be blocked, but we'd do it anyway. So I catheterised it, flushed it and to our surprise a grass seed poked out

the opening on the eyelid, which we pulled out.

Sadly this month a client had the awful experience of her horse dying from a penicillin reaction. Drug reactions are usually when the drug gets into a blood vessel, but can also be allergic.

Horse diseases of the month
Cuts
Colics
foot abscesses
sarcoïd

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RUN DATES FOR JULY

LANSDOWNE.....	THURS 2ND
OXLEY/MITCHELL'S IS.....	TUES 7TH
HANNAM VALE.....	THURS 9TH
DYER'S CROSSING.....	TUES 14TH
WINGHAM.....	THURS 16TH
LORNE/COMBOYNE.....	TUES 21ST
COOMBA AND THE DEEP SOUTH....	THURS 23RD

