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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

The incredible cattle prices have meant we have been investigating sick animals, doing some rotten calvings and doing surgeries, like removing eyes, instead of culling some of them. Last month we also did a lot of preg testing and tail tagging, contributing to the high prices.

Spring time is time to vaccinate for 5 or 7 in 1, Three Day Sickness - both require two initial shots, yearly boosters -, and Pink Eye - Piligard - a single vaccination. All these vaccines are effective for prevention and cost.

Mastitis bacterial testing has gone up dramatically in price, so we are trying a new

lab that is marginally cheaper. Recently there has been mostly strep uberis cultured (environmental mastitis) and a few staphs and serratia, these two being difficult to ever cure. No vaccine for mastitis.

The LLS has funding for feed analysis which I utilised for a client this month. Bought in oaten hay, that appeared pretty good to my eye, returned figures of 5% protein and 7.6 MJ of metabolisable energy per kg dry matter, and it was 84 % dry matter. The energy content is only just ok, but cows require 17% protein. And protein drives palatability. So not a great buy and supplementation still necessary. I think when I saw the seed in it I thought it better quality than it really was. The lab requires 500 g of feed and the turn around is within a week. Available while funding lasts !

Cattle Diseases of the Month
calvings , including a twisted uterus
prolapses
eye cancers - eyeballs, removed or frozen
and third eyelids removed
lame cows - two with rocks in their soles,
two with axial wall cracks
lacerated sheath on a bull
vibrio case, bull security and fencing
paramount

lamb with tetanus after being elastrated

And in the Horses.....

Last month I said how we avoid inducing mares to foal, even if well overdue,

for lots of good reasons. But...we had a mare this month that was intermittently showing signs of severe abdominal pain over 2 weeks while overdue. Several times a day and night, throwing herself down. Colic, twisted uterus, or a dead foal were ruled out, uterine bleeding was a possibility. During one particularly violent episode we decided enough was enough, so we induced her and delivered a healthy foal. We treated her with a drug to increase her milk production, and the foal had to be tubed for a few days before it worked out where the milk bar was, but luckily it all ended well, albeit her behaviour still a mystery.

Sometimes pregnant mares may rupture their prepubic tendon, or the uterus can fill with excessive amounts of fluid, requiring the foaling to be induced, but these are rare good reasons.

Cellulitis is a poorly understood and frustrating infection in horses' legs. The affected legs will swell and make them very lame. Antibiotics help but often it can take weeks of treatment for it to resolve, and then these horses often get cellulitis again. We have two horses in particular in the practice that have this.

Horse diseases of the month

Retained membranes in mares
 Foalings
 Cuts, fence wounds
 heel bulb laceration
 cellulitis
 Colics, one caused by worms
 foot abscesses
 seedy toe

laminitis
 big head
 blocked tear duct
 scanned twins

plus stud season follicle testing, scanning, AIs, frozen and chilled, and a bit of ET thrown in.

RUN DATES FOR NOVEMBER

LANSDOWNE.....THURS 5TH
OXLEY/MITCHELL'S IS.....TUES 10TH
HANNAM VALE.....THURS 12TH
DYER'S CROSSING.....TUES 17TH
WINGHAM.....THURS 19TH
LORNE/COMBOYNE.....TUES 24TH
COOMBA AND THE DEEP SOUTH....THURS 26TH