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JUNE NEWSLETTER

Nice to see some sunny and windy days to dry things out. Pity it's been so cold. The upside of this is mandarins will be good this year. Competition has started. The prize will be the traditional pearl perch or snapper.

With Foot and Mouth and Lumpy Skin Disease on our doorstep in Indonesia a couple of clients have asked me to make a few comments. Even though these diseases are to our north our area is considered as one of high risk due to the risk of entry via Mascot airport. There are well established emergency animal disease plans starting off with stock standstill and the establishment of zones. What is less

predictable is what social media can and will do.

Things to look for include drooling and blisters in the mouth and feet in multiple cows for FMD, and large skin nodules that develop scabs in the middle, mostly on the head, neck and limbs for LSD.

FMD can get here by contact with people returning from a FMD country with contaminated shoes for example, or contaminated meat products. This is why it is important to never feed meat products to pigs, as pigs are viral multipliers of FMD.

LSD can get here by insects or by infected material.

But why is FMD a problem if it just makes cows lame and dribbly I hear you say ? Firstly it infects nearly all cattle (and sheep, pigs, goats), young cattle can die but adults are mostly ok. It causes severe pain and lameness and reduced productivity, mastitis, repro problems. It is spread by fluid from the blisters and bodily fluids. Airborne spread of virus occurs but most spread is through direct contact. Trucks, people, clothing, anything.

We have FMD - free status, which is very important for our export markets. FMD would shut this down.

There is a vaccine but we would have to have enough and it is very strain specific. It would also be the end of our FMD free status.

So it would be bad for cattle, bad for people and bad for the economy.

Lumpy Skin Disease impact would again affect our free status for trade. If it established itself in wild cattle and buffalo in

northern Aust. it would be hard to eradicate.

If you think you have a case you must call us or Lyndell Stone at the LLS, or call the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline. Avoid Facebook.

Cattle Diseases of the Month

calvings
prolapses, vaginal and uterine
eye cancers
lame cows
corkscrew penis in two related bulls
lots of preg tests

of ulcers, mostly specific to race horses. In humans this is not done because of side effects. This is being studied in horses but is not clear yet.

Horse diseases of the month

Cuts
Colics
lamenesses
laminitis
Cushings Disease
foot abscesses

And in the Horses.....

If you read the above, the good thing is that horses are unaffected !

I had a case of Habronema on a horse's penis this month. There were two lesions, one on the end and one on the sheath. This is a parasite carried by flies. This horse was recently from Victoria and I wondered if it was more susceptible to our insects, as it was also suffering from itch. Treatment is a couple of wormers and sometimes topical treatment.

Ulcers in horses is now divided into two types affecting the squamous and glandular areas of the stomach. Both require a reduction in gastric acid, mostly by diet and behaviour and training changes, but also by drugs such as omeprazole. This can be oral or injectable. There is some drug company encouragement of preventative treatment

RUN DATES FOR JUNE

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

