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JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to 2023. I hope we have a normal year, because I'm sick of Moto in the wet ! Some stats from Craig Emerton on Jones Island. Since 1/1/20 until 31/12/22 he has had 6,240 mm of rain. You read that right. That statistic has to make boats tax deductible.

The LLS has funding subsidies for disease investigations in cloven hooved animals - this is related to the increased awareness of Foot and Mouth disease - until June 2023. This will make some investigations much cheaper.

Last month I had a first with a cow with two cervixes, then this month a 16 mth heifer, externally normal genitalia apart from

a big udder, and roaring like a bull, riding anything in season. Not a twin. Rectally she has a uterus and.....two testes instead of ovaries ! Another first for me.

Most foetal congenital abnormalities result in foetal death before 45 days. In mixed twins, Freemartins, the blood supply is shared between the twins, allowing XY stem cells to mix with the female XX cells that then affects ovarian development. I wonder if this heifer was a twin at some stage of early pregnancy.

Worms and coccidia are the most common causes of ill thrifty calves. Then pestivirus, ticks and bacterial infections. Cryptosporidia is present on some dairies but only occasionally causes disease. Bringing in a faecal sample from calves is often the best place to start before a visit.

Cattle Diseases of the Month

Theileria in 3 mth old angus calves. Very young for it and had tick tags in their ears from day 1. Keep in mind it takes two weeks for the tags to be at full effect. It then takes six weeks for the anaemia to be at its worst, in adults. Not sure with calves. Ikeda is the type on PCR test, none of the other types were detected. This farmer had lost two and had two others weak and anaemic. I think application of Easy Dose at day 1, then every 3 weeks, is the only way to prevent ticks until the calf is 100 kg.

calvings
prolapses, vaginal and uterine
lame cows and bulls
calves with tick paralysis
intersex heifer

Some of you will have met two Polish vets we had here doing prac work. They are very grateful for the opportunity to brush up on aussie large animal skills and knowledge here and are now on their way to being fully qualified in Australia. Not surprisingly the differences are huge. We need more vets !

Preventative medicine is one area that they struggled with, as would we in Poland ! 3 Day Sickness, ticks and Hendra to name a few specific problems.

And in the Horses.....

The stud season is almost over with only a few mares left to AI. Tamex have not let us down once. They will get semen from West Vets at Marburg in Qld, but no further north. Toll are not reliable enough for overnight delivery. The other option is frozen semen.

I had my first ever case of triplets early this season, then another this month. It was a 17d scan in a thoroughbred back from the Hunter. Two were in one horn and these were popped. She has since been checked twice and has established a pregnancy.

This month we had cases of colic. These can be complex to assess. The horse's welfare is always the priority. We take into account if they are medical or surgical, Hendra vaccinated, and can they be transported. Is the horse insured. Then, after diagnostics, response to treatment is assessed.

Horse diseases of the month

Cuts
Colics
lamenesses
foot abscesses
retained membranes
thyroid adenoma
itchy horses

RUN DATES FOR JANUARY

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....	WED 25TH

