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NEWSLETTER

To emphasise how dry it has been, in data from James Laurie at Moppy west of Gloucester, for the year at the end of September 2018 512 ml, 2019 518 ml, 2023 414 ml ! Apart from the coastal strip it is seriously dry now.

Most farmers are feeding hay or silage and we've had one case of a plant toxicity in the hay. We've treated one case of urea toxicity.

Mandarins have finished, and not for the first time the Man from Moorland, Mark Murray has taken out first prize. There is no

second prize, but James Laurie was runner up. A fish to Mark.

I had a Right Displaced Abomasum - RDA - in a dairy cow this month, and it's the first in a good while to survive ! She's milking well and has been mated. The farmer noticed on the collar data she wasn't ruminating, then her milk crashed.

I think the collar saved her because RDAs are always twisted, and by the time I usually see them the abomasum is a toxic purple mess. In her case when I opened her up it wasn't too bad and was surgically corrected.

LDAs are not as bad because the abomasum doesn't twist when it slips up the left side of the rumen. They can sometimes fix themselves.

Cattle Diseases of the Month

calvings

prolapses, vaginal and uterine

eye cancers

phosphorus deficiency in beef cattle

cow with broken leg

osteomyelitis in the jaw of a bull

liver fluke

tick paralysis

RDA

Strep uberis and enterococcus mastitis outbreak, vat PCR test excluded strep ag. and others

Interdigital fibroma - not a tumour or gland, just a fibrous reaction to debris caught between the toes. Can be removed but mostly comes back.

And in the Horses.....

Sophie saw a horse with colic, not Hendra vaccinated as far as the owner knew, so she took samples and treated it for colic. The horse recovered well but the samples came back antibody positive, PCR negative. So he was either a very rare horse that had been exposed and recovered, or vaccinated. PCR negative meant he wasn't excreting virus. We then scanned him, found a chip, then found on the database he had received the three initial vaccines ten years ago.

The good thing about this is he still had antibody to Hendra virus after all that time.

We also had a really strange case of a horse unable to protrude his penis to pee, with it bending back on itself within the sheath. He has antibodies to Ross River Fever but we don't know if this has affected him neurologically. With drugs and massage you could get it out and he seems to be recovering by himself.

This month we saw a laminitic pony sore in all four feet. We have x-rayed her and there is rotation present, but she has had an episode before. She is not particularly overweight, and blood tests show insulin resistance, common enough in ponies. Also she has a high antibody titre to Ross River Virus ! When fully recovered we'll test her for Cushings as well.

Horse Diseases this month

Cuts

colics

lamenesses

sarcoid

melanoma

We sadly euthanised the horse with pleurisy as the infection kept recurring when the drain was removed.

RUN DATES FOR OCTOBER	
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