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## JANUARY

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## NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year for 2024. There has been a bit of a boost in cattle prices, let's hope that continues. For me it's been a slow start with a broken heel. But the cast comes off soon, which will be another bit of freedom. One of our clients, Craig Ruttley, has lent me a quad bike which is the best freedom I've had to get around the farm and move cows etc. Wind in my hair !!

We have had a huge demand for pink eye ointment, which we have been trying to fill by rationing it and if not available using dry cow. The best treatment is a combination of ointment, patching and EasyDose (which makes the flies go next door !).

Generally if the eye is not discharging the cornea is smooth and it's not necessary to treat further. I haven't heard anything from the farmers that vaccinated with Pilgard to see what the pink eye prevalence in their herds is like.

There are two ways to identify which mastitis bacteria are prevalent in your dairy herd. One is to have a PCR or DNA test on a vat sample. This is a highly accurate way of identifying bacteria and their proportionate numbers, but it won't tell you what antibiotic they're sensitive to. The second way is to do milk cultures from affected quarters. This will tell you what bacteria are present in a given sample, and if you do enough you'll get a good idea of what's there. It will also tell you which antibiotic will work best.

Summer is often bad for mastitis due to the flies, and cows seeking shade and water, rather than spreading out.

Cattle Call Outs of the Month  
calvings

prolapses, vaginal and uterine  
eye cancers

no confirmed cases of 3 Day yet  
tick paralysis - a client has brought cattle here in summer from the southern highlands and has learnt quickly about tick paralysis, anaemia and Theileria.

down cows

mastitis, mostly environmental, but one case of Strep. ag.

And in the Horses.....

We had a very interesting case in a foal, born normally but when breathing it puffed its cheeks. It also had some milk coming out its nostrils when it suckled. It had no guttural pouch swellings. On examination of its mouth no cleft palate could be seen and it was too small for our endoscope to be passed. There has been no change in the last two months, but had started to develop an aspiration pneumonia, so it went to Scone Equine Group for further work up. Unusually the foal cannot move its epiglottis over the opening to its trachea. This is a neurological condition that normally resolves in the first few weeks of life, but not in this case, making breathing, eating and drinking difficult.

The stud season is nearly over now. Courier problems continue to be a source of frustration, unless it's Tamex, who have again been excellent.

For mares that have high risk pregnancies we treat them with oral altrenogest daily for the first three months after diagnosed pregnant. They are also caslicked if necessary. This is when they have a history of early foetal loss or late twin abortion. Foetal losses late in pregnancy are due to different reasons, such as placentitis.

#### Horse Visits this Month

Cuts

colics

Als, scans etc Sophie is now a father to both chilled AI and frozen AI foals

sarcoid

itch

lamenesses

urethral prolapse

Sophie has been treating a joint infection after an injury with regional limb perfusion with antibiotics. This is a good way to get antibiotics into the joint and soft tissues.

### **RUN DATES FOR JANUARY**

**LANSDOWNE.....THURS 4TH**

**OXLEY/MITCHELL'S IS.....TUES 9TH**

**HANNAM VALE.....THURS 11TH**

**DYER'S CROSSING.....TUES 16TH**

**WINGHAM.....THURS 18TH**

**LORNE/COMBOYNE.....TUES 23RD**

**COOMBA AND THE DEEP SOUTH....THURS 25TH**