

MID SEASON POUR-ON WORMERS FOR CATTLE

Young stock, particularly those in their first grazing season which have not been wormed since turnout, are likely to be carrying a gutworm and lungworm burden. **Dectomax** pour-on has a 35 days persistent effect against gutworms and 42 day protection against lungworm which should protect the cattle until housing. **Enovex** is an Ivermectin based pour-on with a 28 day cover for lungworm and 21 days for gutworms which we are able to sell at a cash price of £38.50 per 2.5 litres (39p per 250kg animal). In unwormed and unvaccinated calves lungworm is likely to be a problem in August and September during an animal's first grazing season.

ANTHELMINTIC RESISTANCE IN SHEEP

Due to the publicity it has received in recent years, most sheep farmers are now aware that anthelmintic resistance is a growing problem. A widespread study in 2005 found 77% of farms to have evidence of resistance to white drenches (31% were also resistant to Levamisole based drenches). Resistance to Ivermectin based drenches was less than 5%. In total 82% of farms had some evidence of resistance! However it is still not too late to take action and slow the rate at which resistance is developing on your farm. There is a new anthelmintic group which isn't available on the market yet in the UK, this group is called AAD. When more information is known on this new drench we will keep you informed. It's important to put into practice rotation of wormers and worming only as and when is necessary so that this new group can be used effectively within a worming programme and not just as a last resort.

At Dalehead we can now offer in-house worm egg counts. It costs £5.00 for one sample, which can either be a number of samples mixed together or a sample off an individual animal. The sample need only be about 5gms (1 teaspoon). The turnaround in the practice is around 24hours and different types of worm eggs can also be identified.

If as a result of a worm egg count you are advised to worm your sheep, then the cost of your worm egg count will be credited against the cost of the wormer if purchased from the Practice.

FOOTROT

This month's subject on the Dalehead calendar is footrot in sheep. In addition to footbathing, paring, utilising clean grazing and culling of chronically infected carriers vaccination with **FOOTVAX** is an important part of any footrot control program.

For more information visit the web site this month,

www.daleheadvetgroup.co.uk or contact us at the surgery on 01729 823538

