



NORFOLK FARM VETS

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## **Foot & Mouth Disease**

By the time you receive this, all movement restrictions imposed following the Foot and Mouth outbreak will have been lifted and we are back to normal. However, please continue to be extra vigilant with regard not only to FMD, but also to **Bluetongue**. This disease has spread to a large proportion of Northern Europe and may well cross to our shores. Due to our location, we may well be the first landing site for such a disease. For more information and what to look out for in your stock please see the DEFRA website ([www.defra.gov.uk](http://www.defra.gov.uk)).

## **Meet Helen!**

Hi, I'm Helen and I am the new vet at the practice. I was brought up in Norfolk and went to school in King's Lynn. I trained as a vet at the Royal Veterinary College—London. My interests include hockey and walking my 2 dogs. I look forward to meeting you all soon! Helen.

## **Pointens Dairy Local Food Heroes.**

We must congratulate Roger and Brian Pointen who have won the Local Food Heroes competition. Based in Stody, they have been marketing their own milk for over 20 years. They now supply a large number of local outlets with milk, cream, yogurt and ice-cream, and have a well established reputation for high quality local produce. They fought off stiff competition from other local producers and outlets (some of whom they supply), to win the award which was presented at The Aylsham Show.

### **Transport of Animals by Road— Do I need to take the test?**

New regulations are coming into force in January 2008 meaning that if you transport your animals over 40 miles but less than 8 hours journey time for an economic activity, then the answer is YES and you will have to take the GOLTA Test. If you transport over 8 hours it gets more complicated. If you're in any doubt please contact The Training Association or there are leaflets at the practice. The Training Association are running two one day courses with the training and test all on one day on 2nd November and 10th December.

## **Runners Corner.**



There really is no going back now! With only two weeks to go the final preparations are taking place. The final estimation of our timings is in, the shirts are due for delivery, we've wrapped all the runners in cotton wool to prevent any last minute injuries and the support team is limbering up for a gruelling 24 plus hours. While all these things are in place, what we would really appreciate is some support on the day. There are plenty of pubs along the route so why not choose your favourite beer garden and shout support and throw pennies at the passing runners and support crew. Below are details of who is running where so you can choose your most or least favourite runner to come and support or heckle! The start is 6am on Saturday 15th September at Lynn Sport and we're hoping to finish early to mid-morning on the Sunday. If you can't make it around the route why not come to the finish at Lynn Sport? As ever, more detailed maps of each route are available on the website [www.roundnorfolkrelay.co.uk](http://www.roundnorfolkrelay.co.uk).

From - To	LEG	Start	Finish	Runner
K.Lynn - Hunstanton	1	6:00	8:10	Gary Zoller
Hunstanton - Burnham Ov.	2	8:10	10:06	Molly McKay
Burnham Ov. - Wells	3	10:06	10:49	Sam Phelps
Wells - Salthouse	4	10:49	12:41	Will Stevenson
Salthouse - Cromer	5	12:41	13:50	John Phelps
Cromer - Mundesley	6	13:50	15:10	Duncan Jeary
Mundesley - Lessingham	7	15:10	16:20	John G
Lessingham - Horsey	8	16:20	17:20	Freddie French
Horsey - Gt.Yarmouth	9	17:20	19:01	James Hadow
Gt.Yarmouth - Geldeston	10	19:01	21:10	Carwyn James
Geldeston - Scole	11	21:10	23:41	Roger Sayle
Scole - Thetford	12	23:41	2:54	Ross Hadow
Thetford - Feltwell	13	2:54	4:43	Andy Marsh
Feltwell - Wisington	14	4:43	5:51	Gavin Lane
Wisington - D.Mkt	15	5:51	6:46	David Coleman
D.Mkt - Stowbridge	16	6:46	7:44	Ruby Wright
Stowbridge - K.Lynn	17	7:44	9:15	Julian Howard

## FOR SALE:

### Aberdeen Angus young bull for sale

Contact:- Duncan Jeary 07880 508104

**7 Boars Old Spot x Saddleback** from large organically fed stock contact Rudi Jennings 01945 585467

**50 Swaledale ewe lambs** contact Robert Giles on 07799 226401.

**Aberdeen Angus Bull.** 3yrs old and used last season.

Contact John Savory 07733 215997.

**2 Young Limousin Bulls.** Quiet and halter trained.

Contact Charlie Collison on 07810 106095.

## WANTED:

**Young Tanworth Boar for stud** please contact Rudi Jennings on 01945 585467

**Local stock sought** by two different calf rearing & finishing units. Stock must come from local high health status animals and prices paid to reflect this. Please contact Molly.

## Parasite Forecast

The NADIS forecast for parasites suggests that East Anglia has a high risk of liver fluke this autumn. This will be hardly surprising to most, given the huge volume of rain we have had.

Sheep worm forecasts suggest that PGE will be, and already is in some cases, a big problem this year. Remember that rams have a lower resistance to parasitic disease than ewes so it is advisable to treat rams pre-tupping. However we would only recommend blanket treatment of ewes based on faecal egg counts.

Cattle worm forecasts suggest that reports of lungworm will be higher this year than last, consistent with wet weather conditions. In particular, thunderstorms break up faecal pats spreading disease and increasing pasture infectivity. Remember that lungworm often shows clinical signs before larvae are passed in the faeces so several animals should be sampled to ensure faecal results are correct.

Are you interested in doing **maize silage** next year? Or are you presently making maize silage to feed to beef cattle in West Norfolk?

If so, call **Gavin Lane** on 07809 525634.

## Disease Focus

Clostridial disease in cattle is a bacterial infection, often associated with sudden death in cattle. The clostridia group of bacteria are the cause of diseases such as blackleg, botulism, tetanus and blacks disease, and all are potent producers of toxins. It is the toxins rather than the bacteria themselves that kill the animals.

A common source of clostridial bacteria is the soil. Clostridia are always present in the soil, but we often see out-breaks where soil has been disturbed eg, for new pipework etc.

The Bacteria enter the body through cuts or via the intestine. Effective treatment of clostridial disease is rare as by the time you notice a problem the animals are usually dead. If you do treat animals, the majority of the treatment is symptomatic ie fluids and TLC combined with large doses of penicillin. Effective prevention is always better than cure and multivalent vaccinations are available which cover most of the clostridial diseases.

We have certainly had 2 herds where we believe clostridial disease has killed a number of animals this year. Please call the practice for further information.

### Laboratory Sample Handling Fee.

As you may see on your bill, we have changed from billing postage on laboratory samples to a standard handling fee of £2.50 per submission. As ever, you pay exactly what we pay for the actual lab work, but the handling fee simply covers the cost of postage etc. that is associated with sample submission.

### Drug delivery.

Since we started, we have been running a drug delivery service. Recently, we have been finding it difficult to guarantee that we can get the drugs to you within 48 hours. Therefore, we have decided that, if we are not passing, we will post things instead to ensure a faster delivery time. This obviously will not apply to fridge medicines which we will deliver as normal. In addition, if you need drugs the same day please remember you can always collect drugs from the practice, Holt vets, Briston or Harpley.

As most of you are aware we are strongly behind the campaign to encourage people to buy locally and reduce food miles, hence we recommend that everyone buy locally either via the Fakenham Farmers Market on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month or directly from the producers listed below:

Duncan Jeary	Beef	07880 508104
Trevor Stebbings	Beef	01553 630603
Mrs Temple	Cheese	01328 820224
Pointen Bros.	Dairy Produce	01263 860338
John Garner	Game, lamb, turkeys	01328 700277
Houghton Hall	Lamb, Mutton, Beef, Pork and Eggs	07793 208655
Sandringham Beef and Lamb	West Newton Shop	01485 542219
Courtyard Farms Ltd.	Beef, Lamb and Pork	07789 366080
Mr Day, Hindolveston	Beef, Lamb and Vegetables	Farmers Market.
Simon Dann	Norfolk Farmhouse Ice-cream	On Farm/Local Shops.
Gavin Lane	Salt Marsh Beef	sales@saltmarshbeef.co.uk

If your name is missing just call the office and we will get your details added.

Local Produce