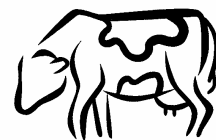


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NORFOLK FARM VETS

Aylsham Show 2008

After the livestock section of the show was cancelled last year, due to various emerging infectious diseases, it was great to see such a good turn out at this year's show. There was great success, as ever, for a number of clients of the practice in every species being exhibited.

Cattle:

Duncan and Tracey Jeary had wins with their heifer Briston Eliza and their long established winning cow Briston Echo. They also won the British Beef Championship.

Peter Muffet of Cockley Cley Livestock had a good day with his Longhorns taking second with his heifer in the any other tradition beef breed section, and was placed third with his pair.

Sheep:

Bridget had an excellent day with her Castlemilk Moorits in the 'Hill and Heath' breed section. She took firsts with her ram, ram lamb and shearling ewe, with seconds as well in the latter two classes. She also finished with the Hill and Heath championship. In the Norfolk Horns, **Kerry Long and Suzannah Coke** took first and second in both the ram and ram lamb classes, with a third for their ewe lamb. They kept up their winning ways taking the Norfolk Horn Championship. They also had an excellent result for the breed taking the reserve in the interbreed championship.

The Sprakes' Southdowns performed very well with wins in shearling ram and ram lamb as well as stealing the show with both the interbreed championship and the group of three.

In the continental breeds, **Mary Willcox** took first with her Merino ram and she also placed first and second in the continental wool on the hoof. The **McInnes-Skinners** with their Bleu du Maines took firsts in the ram lamb, pair of ewe lambs and shearling ewe classes. In the commercial classes, **Peter Macintosh of Mossdale Farm** and **Alec Swan** were placed well.

Having been placed with their Southdown ram, the **Days** of Hindolveston beat off stiff competition from the winning dog and bitch to take best sheep dog with their puppy 'Fly' who was bred by their son Mark.

Goats:

The goats were amazingly well represented at this year's show. 2009 sees the 60th anniversary of the Norwich and District Goat Society so next year promises to provide even more entrants than 2008.

There were some great results for NFV clients:

Jayne Parsey took a first with her BT kid Grimstuna Mini and then the reserve kid championship. She was also in winning ways in the AOV class and had a second in the BT milkers.

Lynn Jermy had a great day with firsts in BS kid and goatling, AN kid and AN milker classes. She also took the reserve goatling.

Di Parker had firsts with her BA kid, AOV goatling and BA milker, in which she also took second.

The Coles took the BA goatling and were placed in the BA milker class.

Maggie Wright had a great day with both her Golden Guernsey and pigmy goats.

Linda Cletheroe had a second in the AOV milkers.



Congratulations to Simon, sue and all the family from all at Norfolk farm vets

Runners' Corner

By this time next month it will all be over! The intrepid 17-man team will have run the 193 miles around the county of Norfolk in an attempt to raise the profile of Norfolk Farmers and RABI.

Please come and support us if you can along the route or at the end—approx 9.30am Sunday 21st September at Lynn Sport King's Lynn.

Bluetongue Update:

The first cases of BTV8 in the UK this summer have been detected. On 27th August BTV8 was confirmed in 2 imported rams on premises in East Sussex and Hertfordshire. Both animals originated from the same premises within the BTV8 Restriction Zone in Central France. On 29th August BTV8 was confirmed in 8 imported cattle in Devon. These animals were imported from a BTV8 Restriction Zone in Germany. At present there is no evidence to suggest that the virus is circulating in the local midge population, but these cases highlight the potential risks of importing animals from restricted zones to susceptible animals in the UK.

As of 1st September, Northumberland and Cumbria will now be in the protection zone. This will complete the roll out of the vaccination programme, allowing all farmers in England the freedom to vaccinate and protect their stock.

Again, we will keep reminding you to vaccinate any calves and kids born after the initial vaccination programme started, these animals are most at risk and it is important we don't forget about them. Vaccination can be done from 3-4 weeks of age and repeated 3 weeks later. The dose is 1ml and is given under the skin. We are trying to organise groups of people where only a few doses are required to be available on the same day to reduce the number of wasted doses and to keep the cost per dose to a minimum. Just let the office know how many doses you require and roughly when they are needed and we will arrange for the doses to be collected or we will come and administer them if required.

For an update on the latest situation please refer to the DEFRA website: www.defra.gov.uk

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11th
Sept.
5:30pm



Better Returns from Using Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs)

This free event, part of the EBLEX Better Returns Programme, will take place at:
Godwick Hall, Tittleshall, Norfolk, PE32 2RJ,
courtesy of John Garner.

Speakers include:

John Garner, Dr. Liz Genever and Molly Mckay.
There will also be a chance to view the breeding stock.

For more information please see the enclosed leaflet.

Cheques... Just a reminder to please include the Ltd. on cheques made payable to Norfolk Farm Vets Ltd. The bank has started to refuse any cheques where this is not done. Better still, why not pay on-line? See your statement for our bank details.

For Sale/available:

Cast-iron bath, free to a good home—call John at the practice.

4PETS—services including dog walking, pet sitting, small animal boarding, pet to vet, home check (while away) etc. Contact Beverley on 01362667027.

People:

Trevor Buxton—relief milker with years of experience.
Call 07909935597

Pauline Buxton—Sheep dog training. Call 07979500879.

Wanted:

4-5 year old Beef Shorthorn Bull. Call the office.

NADIS Parasite Forecast:

As many of you will know, NADIS run a parasite forecast to predict what problems we are likely to see and what to watch out for. The variable weather we've been experiencing recently not only plays havoc with harvest, but they are predicting that, as autumn approaches, liver fluke levels and number of cases will be high. We had a similar scenario last year and I'm sure many of you will remember the problems we experienced. As ever, faeces samples are the way to check whether your stock need treatment.

There are some new SCOPS (Sustainable Control of Parasites in Sheep) guidelines:

- Any ewes that are condition score 2 or less (scale 1-5) should be wormed before going to the tup. However, blanket worming is not advised as this can select for worm resistance to wormers. Again, faeces tests can be used to assess burden.
- Haemonchus—there is now evidence of some anthelmintic resistance build up. Therefore, if Haemonchus is a problem, sheep should be sequentially wormed with levamisole then ivermectin. They should then be held for 48 hours before being turned out onto contaminated pasture.



DHHS

The Dairy Herd Health and Productivity Service also produce a newsletter. This season they have highlighted the importance of milk fever cases. This is very important, especially for cows at grass with the inevitable autumn flush of lush pasture. While milk fever cases normally recover, they have financial and production implications as they predispose to calving difficulties, retained cleansings, whites, reduced fertility and downer cows. Dick Esslemont produces figures for financial impact of disease and he has calculated the average cost of a case of milk fever to be over £200.

West Norfolk Ride—a reminder...

A sponsored ride at the Wagg's, Manor Farm, Tattersett, by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Duckworth Chadd, Pinkney Estates. Saturday 13th September, 9:30-1pm. For more details phone Fiona Wagg on : 07990574955, or Sue Williams on: 07887617903.

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 4th Saturday of the month or directly from the producers listed below:

Duncan Jeary	Beef	07880 508104
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	Organic Beef, Lamb and Pork	01485 525251 or courtyardfarm.organic@virgin.net
Perfick Pork	Pork & Lamb	01328 829317
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
Van Beuningen	Ash Farm Organics	01362 683228 www.ashfarmorganics.co.uk
Mrs. Willcox	Mohair Socks, Preserves, Eggs	Erpingham House Farm

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

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