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Zeinab Weyers

Melanie has been with us for a couple of months now joining us from a farm in Zambia! Melanie enjoys all aspect of practice but as you would expect of a farmer, she does enjoy the large work more!

Zeinab joins us from Cumbria! Zeinab is farm orientated and enjoys the challenges of farm vetting! Outside of work Zeinab enjoys nothing more than walking with her collie Gem

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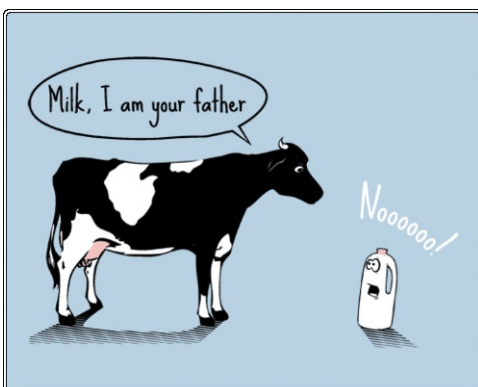
Welcome to the July edition of the Head and Head newsletter. This Months article is a farming/veterinary wordsearch! The first client to drop off a completed word search will win a super secret special prize! There are 20 possible words to find but one is missing! Please bring the completed search in with the missing word correctly identified to win!

The caesarian run has continued in the last month. There has been no difference between beef or dairy but the most common cause has been relative foetal oversize. This is not necessarily a small cow as lots of our caesarians have been 4th calvers+ but unusually they have had humongous calves!

The common success factors for caesarians are the facilities available, the cleanliness and most importantly the time since calving has started. When called early most problems can be rectified in time to get a living calf. There is nothing more miserable for a vet and a farmer to go through such a large job and not get a healthy and strong calf at the end of it. An early call will help to prevent this so do call early and do not wait for the cow to get on with it without checking yourselves!

We have recently carried out a number of fertility tests on bulls. In the beef herd having a dysfunctional bull is effectively an issue with half of your herd. Where abnormally low pregnancy rates or abnormally long calving blocks have been found it is recommended to test the bull. We have found a number of sub-fertile and infertile bulls this year. Testing prior to using the bull again is the best way to identify a problem before it costs you money

Lungworm is traditionally found from September onwards. If you do not vaccinate be vigilant for the common signs of coughing (productive or no productive), when at grass. If you do start to see these signs it is worth testing the affected individual to know whether or not to treat the entire group!



We hope you enjoy this months newsletter. If you do please let us know and we can attempt to produce more of the same!

Parasite Forecast



Moderate risk of fluke this autumn from the temperatures and recent rainfall

Be vigilant for signs and test where necessary through faecal egg counts, bulk milk test or PM reports.

First grazing seasons cattle are at risk of roundworm from July onwards.

The economic impact of worms is around 51kg per season so do not underestimate the importance of faecal egg counts!

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