

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN PNEUMONIA AND THE RISPAUDIT

Changing weather and bringing in cattle for the winter will increase the incidence of the animals contracting pneumonia, irrelevant of age. No matter if there have been issues in the past or if the transition from the field into the shed has been seamless, it is worthwhile calling the vet to talk through a plan before they come in for the winter.

If there is an outbreak on your farm, phone immediately so that we can treat and take swabs from the affected animals to determine the most likely cause of the pneumonia. This will help with treating them in the future and it can be decided if vaccinating is the best path forward for prevention.

The Animal Health & Welfare Scheme

Through the Animal Health and Welfare payment scheme for farmers, there are several options of services that can be claimed from your veterinarian.

A cost of £250 per intervention will be paid with proof of investigation and action plan, with the option of selecting two interventions per year. By utilising this payment scheme, we can investigate calf respiratory issues on farm. One of the important tools we can use to do this is the Rispaudit application, developed by Zoetis.



Using the Rispaudit

The Rispaudit application helps us conduct a thorough evaluation of your calf housing environment and identify areas for improvement. The app includes a range of 15-30 questions covering topics such as dimensions and layout of shed, stocking density, ventilation quality, and bedding type. We can do this for beef or dairy herds, which allows the advice to be specific for

every farm. These factors all play a crucial role in calf respiratory health. While it may seem daunting to make changes to your housing setup, the Rispaudit tool ensures that advice is farm-specific and tailored to your unique circumstances.

While some people may think we will say 'tear down the shed and build new' but through the application we can give three action points that are most pertinent and reasonable for the shed, rather than resorting to drastic or expensive measures.

This can include increasing ventilation by keeping a door open in the shed, adding calf jackets, or increasing milk intake through colder months.

We are here for any issues that may occur, but it is always best to prevent rather than treat and we want to help in any way possible. Pneumonia can affect any farm, but creating a plan will allow everyone involved to understand the best steps forward and streamline the process.

BEEF & SHEEP MEDICINE COURSE

We're excited to host a Red Tractor accredited Beef & Sheep Medicine Course. Upon successful completion, participants will receive a certificate.

Farm Health Focus: Legalities, Responsibilities, and Best Practices

KEY INFO

- ✓ Red Tractor Accredited Course
- ✓ 11am, Wed 2nd Oct
- ✓ Certificate upon completion
- ✓ Food & refreshments
- ✓ Beefeater, Newhouse



We just finished our APHA-approved Artificial Insemination course in Lanark! A huge thank you to everyone who attended, and congratulations on earning your certificates.

This three-day course included both theory and practical on-farm tuition, equipping participants with the skills needed for better herd management. The topics covered included:

- Legislation involved in on-farm DIY AI
- Correct semen handling and storage techniques
- Bovine estrus cycle and AI timing
- AI technique and assessment

If you are looking to do AI on farm, please contact the practice.