

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## Biosecurity and Quarantine

With **autumn sheep sales** picking up for store lambs, tups and everything in between it is important to have **protocols in place** to **protect current and incoming stock**.



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### Prior to purchase - ask the questions!

Consider your **non-negotiables** when it comes to purchased stock and **be firm** with this. Ensure prospective purchases are an **appropriate fit for your system**, ask about **health status** and **previous treatments/vaccinations**. It is important to have these conversations to allow for **forward planning** with regards to **further vaccines/treatments** that may be required to bring in-line with your **current stock**.

**Treatments:** Incoming stock carry a high risk of resistant gutworms, novel species such as Haemonchus or resistant Liver Fluke.

#### Example treatment plan for resistant parasites for autumn purchasing:

1. Stand incoming stock on hard standing for 24-48hrs to reduce initial pasture contamination
2. For worms, use a Group 4 product (orange ~ Zolvix) combined with one other product (purple (Startect) or clear)
3. For liver fluke, treat with triclabendazole (Fasinex) or closantel (Flukiver) and follow up with a second treatment with closantel 6 weeks later.
4. Turn out to DIRTY pasture
  - This pasture will have a parasitic burden relevant to your current flock
  - If any parasites are resistant to the treatments administered then these will be diluted on the pasture by the current parasite population
5. Faecal egg count tests can be performed 14 days post-treatment

**Isolation:** Purchased stock should be isolated from current stock for 3-4 weeks as some bought-in diseases may not be initially apparent. Contagious Ovine Digital Dermatitis (CODD) and sheep scab may take some time to manifest and this is much easier to tackle as a small group problem before infecting your current flock.



**Sheep scab:** Previous treatments for scab may be declared at sale- these all have varying persistence against the sheep scab mite. Please check carefully when treatments were done and the method of administration to ascertain the need for further treatment. Sheep showering is not an effective treatment measure for sheep scab as it doesn't allow product to penetrate the fleece. If previous treatments have been administered gold standard would be to blood test purchased stock 2-3 weeks post-arrival to determine their status. Testing for this (12 out of a management group) is covered by the Preparing for Sustainable farming scheme for this year.

**Disease screening:** Consider screening purchased animals for iceberg diseases such as Maedi Visna (MV), Border's disease, Caseous Lymphadenitis (CLA) prior to introduction to the flock.

## Show Season is DONE!

This year's show season was a busy one for the CVG team as we attended Lesmahagow, Biggar, Strathaven, and of course the Royal Highland Show!

We absolutely loved each show and the opportunity to catch up with clients and meet some new faces!

In true Scottish fashion, the weather gave us a bit of everything - but rain or shine, we had a fantastic time on each stand. From hospitality to home baking, freebies to friendly chats, it was brilliant to see so many of you stopping by.

A huge thank you to everyone who came along!

