

Welcome to our 2022 Spring Newsletter!



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Toxovax - Lambing Vaccine

Toxovax is a live vaccine for the active immunisation of susceptible breeding female sheep. It is provided to your ewes via an intramuscular injection usually 3 weeks prior to mating. It reduces the effects of infection by *Toxoplasma gondii*, which can bring on embryonic death, barrenness and abortion.

Please feel free to give us a call on 01341 422 212 and we will be more than happy to discuss administration of Toxovax for your sheep.



Young Stock Management Plans, and much, much more

We proudly offer Beef, Dairy & Sheep young stock management plans.

Our plans cover colostrum intake monitoring by blood analysis, weight gain monitoring, disease prevention programs, and heifer fertility monitoring. You will have a designated vet assigned to work with you.

For more information on Young Stock Management plans, or any of our many other services, please call the surgery on 01341 422 212 for more information. If you're not sure whether we provide a certain service, just ask!



Equine Laminitis

Laminitis is an unfortunately common and extremely painful recurrent condition in horses, ponies and donkeys. It affects the bond between the hoof wall and the pedal bone in the hoof, and can cause the animal extreme pain and discomfort. In extreme cases, this can completely immobilise the animal.

Some signs to look for are:

- Lameness in (usually) 2 or more limbs
- Leaning back on heels to avoid pain in toe area
- Heat in foot and digital pulses present
- Frequently shifting weight when resting

What should you do if you suspect Laminitis?

Box rest your animal and give us a call. This ailment can, and usually will, worsen if not treated appropriately, and as quickly as possible. This should be considered an emergency condition!

Unfortunately, once laminitis has affected an animal once, it usually increases susceptibility to it in the future, even if treated properly.

Therefore, it is incredibly important to keep a watchful eye, and act as soon as signs start to show.