

January 2012

EVOLUTION



Coffee Break

As we enter the New Year of 2012, I am surprised at how mild the weather is. . . . still.

But, despite Jack Frost's absence, **CALF PNEUMONIA** is relentlessly rearing its ugly head - with a bit of a twist this time around. Whilst perhaps not as severe as previous years, it does seem to be appearing in surprising situations and, unexpectedly, animals in really well-designed sheds are suffering as well. Already this year, I have seen a lot of generally healthy, and older, calves succumb to coughing of sorts.



The SWHLI-funded drive against respiratory disease should be helping most farmers fight pneumonia as, following our SWHLI Respiratory Meeting last month, we now begin to crack on with the visits. Kevin will be heading this up

and, full of enthusiasm as ever, he is determined to make a difference to the health of your stock in the future. This work is heavily funded, as is all SWHLI work, and will cost you only £95 in total.

ANNOUNCEMENT

SALLY IS VERY PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT,
WITH EFFECT FROM 1 MARCH 2012,
MARK SOUTAR BVMS CertCHP MRCVS
WILL BE JOINING
THE EVOLUTION FARM VETS TEAM

MORE DETAILS WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY

MASTITIS AND CELL COUNTS have also been making their unwelcome presence felt recently. The pattern of clinical mastitis seems to be rapidly changing, with farmers reporting that the cases appearing nowadays seem to hang on longer than in the old days - and need heavier-handed treatment in order to see them off.

A contributing factor to the increasing incidence of nasty mastitis cases could be the also-increasingly worsening of teat condition. Perhaps due to modern-day high milk-yields, teat problems are being seen to some degree across all high-yielding herds, with herds milking three times daily being definitely more vulnerable. Once teat condition begins to deteriorate, breaches in the skin's defences encourage more bacterial growth on the teat ends which increases the infection level. Poor teat condition is usually due to one or more of the following:

- Effects of the milking machine
- Environmental effects
- Disease

If you think teat condition could be responsible for some of your mastitis problems, consider taking the following action:

1. teat score the herd to initially quantify the problem
2. identify the cause- is it one or more of the above 3 options?
3. determine how to fix the cause.

We regularly carry out teat condition visits and milking routine tutorials and, if the problem is found to be the parlour, we can offer specialist milking parlour checks from our colleagues at our associate practice Lambert Leonard and May.

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Sally & all at Evolution wish their clients
A HAPPY, HEALTHY & PROSPEROUS 2012

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Notice Board



Sally-Chat

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If you read last month's Coffee Break, you will remember that Brendan John joins us this week, which means that many of you will soon be meeting him for the first time. His likeability and enthusiasm for farm-animal vetting make a strong combination . . . and we think that you will find the proof to be very definitely in the pudding!

And lastly - although definitely not leastly! - a word about my announcement on the front page. I have, for a while now, been seeking to consolidate my team at Evolution. Brendan's advent is a big step towards my goal and with the arrival of Mark Soutar at the

beginning of March, the team will be finally complete.

Mark has a proven track record as an excellent farm-animal vet, acquired during the 15+ years since he qualified from Glasgow University and, coming from a beef-farming family, he is well-steeped in farming life.

Both Mark and Brendan have the same work ethic as me, the same ideas for "evolving Evolution" . . . and the same *energy*. Our aim over the next 12 months is to ask you all what extra veterinary services you feel would help you to progress and grow your businesses . . . and to then continue to provide them. So don't be shy - speak up when asked!



Sally

EVOLUTION OFFERS FOR XMAS AND NEW YEAR

continuing to end of January



METACAM : Buying a 250ml bottle saves you £2.30 per dose. Dec & Jan, MAKE THE SAME SAVING if you buy 2 x 100ml bottles

SELEKT PRODUCTS

Evolution uses Selekt products to help orally rehydrate sick & compromised cows. December & January: buy **24 Glycerol with 24 Restore** sachets and receive an *extra 10% discount - on top of our usual 1 on 11 price.*



CALF SCOUR

Rehydion can be added to milk, making it our favoured electrolyte support for dehydrated calves.



Provita Response Paste used alongside Rehydion will help to speed recovery, reduce scour & improve appetite. December & January: Buy **12 Response Pastes** and get *20% off any Rehydion* ordered at the same time.



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Aggers Pro Liver

New to our shelves, we have had good feedback after trying it on some of our dairies. Aimed at reducing the risk of, and treating, fatty liver in fresh cows use as supportive treatment when:

1. a fresh cow (& therefore her liver) is likely to be put under metabolic pressure. Eg, RFM, metritis, ketosis, fresh cow mastitis.
2. a fresh cow is considered as "at risk". Pro Liver can be given immediately post-calving and also in the lead up to calving, if considered necessary. Eg a cow carrying twins; a cow that historically suffers from milk fever at calving
3. when a cow is recovering from surgery e.g. DA op. We currently routinely pump cows post-surgery: Pro Liver can go in the first pump.

Bovikalc

For treating and preventing Milk Fever.

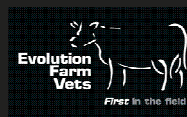
- a unique bolus formulation of calcium providing for both fast and extended sustained serum calcium levels.
- use in lead-up to calving.
- easy to administer, with a fat coating to help protect the cow's throat.

To see a nifty video online about this product, have a look at <http://www.bovikalc.co.uk>

****We currently have some Bovikalc available free of charge to farmers who would like to give it a try. In return, we will ask you for some feedback. Give us a ring if you are interested.****

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