



Newsletter August 2008

Goodbye to Claire, Hello to Alun

This month marks a change in staff in the Practice. Claire's internship came to an end at the end of July, and she has moved on to a period of locum work in the area while she searches for the perfect job. We're sure you'll join us in thanking Claire for all her hard work during her time with us and wishing her all the best for the future. Claire's replacement is Alun Evans, who graduated at Langford this year. Alun hails from Carmarthenshire, where his family run a small beef farm. He has a great interest in all aspects of farm work. When not working, he enjoys fishing, shooting and mountain biking while listening to the Wurzels! Alun is looking forward getting started and to meeting you all.



Client feedback survey

We'd like to find out what you think of the service the Practice provides, so a feedback questionnaire is included with this month's newsletter. We'd be really grateful if you could take the time to fill it in and return it to us. If you have any comments or suggestions, we'd be very pleased to hear them. We'll let you know the results when they're in!

Finadyne and Licensing

Findayne™ is an anti-inflammatory drug that is very useful in treating a wide variety of conditions in cattle and other species. Due to a change in its licensing, it should only be used by the intravenous route (direct into a vein). For clients who are not confident in performing intravenous injections, we can dispense alternative anti-inflammatory drugs (such as Metacam™ and Ketofen™) that are licensed by other routes. We will of course continue to use Finadyne in our treatment of your animals. If you have any queries regarding this, please feel free to contact Chris at the Practice.

Wormers for farm dogs and cats

For those of you that have dogs or cats on the farm, a reminder that we are able to dispense worming medication for them. It is important to keep worming of small animals up to date to protect the health of your livestock as well as your dogs and cats.



Bluetongue update

The bluetongue surveillance zone in England has now been replaced entirely with protection zone (the area within which it is possible to vaccinate). Only the north-west and far North of England remain in the "free" area. Wales now also has a protection zone in the south-east of the country.



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