



Practice Bulletin

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Welcome to Suzanne

In April we welcomed Suzanne Poland to the Vet4Farm team. Suzanne finished her veterinary degree at Massey last year and has joined our team as a new graduate vet. Suzanne is originally from Wellington but has moved from the bottom of the North Island to join us here at the bottom of the South Island.

Inductions 2014

If you are planning to do inductions this year it is now time to book in to create your induction management plan.

Key points to remember with inductions:

- No more than 4% **per farm**
- The first induction shot must be given between 8-12 weeks before the expected calving date
- Cows must be in good condition (BCS 4.5-5.5) and continue to be well fed with appropriate trace mineral supplementation
- Cows need to have ear tags so they can be properly identified
- Cows must be between 3-8 years of age and in good health

If you didn't use us to scan your herd we will need your scanning records detailing expected calving date. We will also need the age of the cow and the cow's identification number.

Veterinary Certification – What we can sign

We can sign certificates requiring a veterinarian's signature. It is important to bear in mind:

- We cannot sign a certificate with untrue, misleading, or inaccurate information on it.
- No alterations are to be made to the certificate after we have signed it
- We have the right to refuse to sign a certificate

There are also specific criteria for different certificates. Three are listed below:

Export Certificate

We are able to sign export certificates. The farm listed in the export certificate must be correct.

An export certificate is getting the veterinarian to certify that they have not detected certain diseases on your farm in the past year.

We must be the veterinarian responsible for the farm.

Fitness for Transport

To sign a fitness for transport we need to go to the farm and view the animal to determine it meets certain criteria such as (but not limited to):

- Animals must be able to evenly bear weight on all four legs
- BCS higher than 3
- Animals need to be systemically healthy
- Cancer eye needs to be <3mm and with no signs of spread, and no discharge present
- Wounds must be free of fluid and not weeping

Animals travelling under a transport certificate must go to the closest works to the farm so that they travel the minimum distance possible.

Vaccination Certificate

If we have done the vaccination of your livestock then we are able to certify it.

Leptospirosis vaccinations require two shots 4 weeks apart and yearly booster shots.

With BVD we also offer blood testing to certify BVD status. Again we need to go to the farm and take the blood samples for testing.

Cull Cow liver Samples

As winter is approaching now is the time to check your herd's trace element liver reserves. Copper is stored in the liver and enters the blood stream as required by the animal. During the winter the cow relies on those reserves to keep blood copper levels stable. This means that we cannot analyse copper reserve levels through blood samples; hence why we need to test the copper in the liver. A more cost effective way to get this information is through the cows you are culling now. By filling out the appropriate form the meat works can put aside your cows' livers to test the copper and selenium levels. At least 4 samples need to be taken to be able to interpret the results back to the whole herd. The more samples taken the more accurately we can predict whole herd status.

Drying off Hygienically

A reminder of the importance of hygiene during dry off. It is important not to introduce new infections whilst administering antibiotic and/or teat sealant.

- Always wear gloves
- Clean teats with teat wipes using at least one wipe per teat.
- Clean and treat the front teats first
- Work from the teat end up
- Partial insertion of the tube
- Teat spray afterwards

Milking Machine Testing

Now is the time to get the milking machine tested before the next season begins. A properly running milking machine can help reduce mastitis cases. Adequate vacuum and pulsation allows for effective milk let down and reduces teat-end damage. There are 5 different types of tests that most milking machine testers can undertake:

1. Physical measurements
2. Dry tests
3. Wet tests
4. Milking-time tests
5. Cleaning-time tests

We recommend you use an NZMPTA certified technician. Give us a call on 0800 838432 and we can organise one for you.

So book your milking machine test in now.

New Product - NEXEPRIN Microject!

NEXEPRIN Microject is a brand new parasite treatment for cattle. It is brought to us by Alleva Animal Health, a New Zealand owned and operated company.

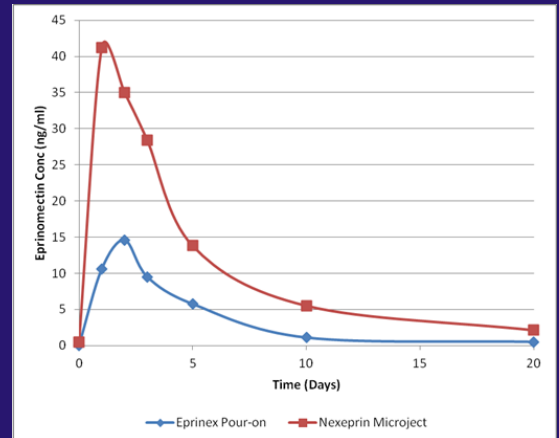
NEXEPRIN Microject is an injectable eprinomectin (the same active ingredient as in Eprinex Pour On) with some great features designed to make it easy to treat larger cattle, including lactating dairy cows. It has:

- ✓ A 1ml per 100kg dose rate
- ✓ A NIL milk withholding
- ✓ A 14 day meat withholding
- ✓ An extensive range of persistent activity claims
- ✓ A non-sting easy flow formulation
- ✓ A full dose of eprinomectin plus **Vitamin E**

When compared to a pour-on treatment NEXEPRIN Microject delivers much higher levels of eprinomectin into the blood. This can mean better parasite control for longer.

NEXEPRIN Microject is well worth a look if you are treating adult cows at dry-off, after calving or before mating.

For a limited time Alleva are also giving away a Morphy Richards Toaster or 1.5L kettle with every 2 x 500ml packs (enough for 200 x 500kg cows).



Boss Pour On Now Rain Resistant



Buying NEXEPRIN Microject is not the only way you can get one of these fantastic toasters or kettles! You can also get one by purchasing a 5L pack of Boss Pour On. Boss Pour On is a dual abamectin/levamisole drench with an innovative DMI-Sorb 'liquid gel' formulation for superior absorption. Boss Pour On is particularly suited to drenching R1s and R2s as the abamectin is highly effective against *Ostertagia* and the levamisole is highly effective against *Cooperia*.

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