

April 2017

Training – Use of Veterinary Medicines

As part of our on-going dedication in training of staff working on pig farms to improve their understanding so that the best can be gained from the pigs on farm, we will be running a Use of Veterinary Medicines Course.

This course is aimed at staff which have recently started working up to those with a few years experience.

The course will take place at the practice in Ripon on the 31st May from 1-5pm.

Places on this course are limited so please do register your attendance with Sylvia on 01765 602396 early. The course will be PIPR registered.



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New Branch Practice Opening – Northallerton

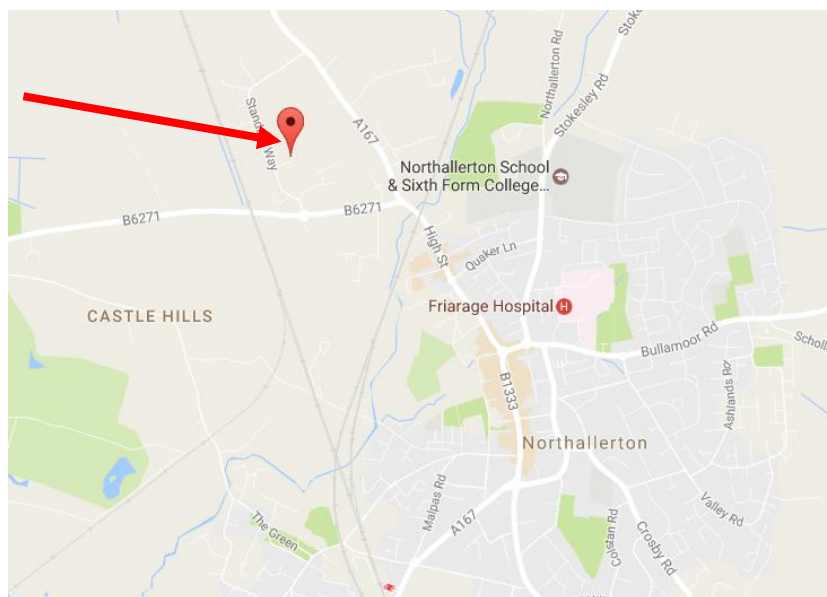
We are delighted to announce that we are opening a new branch practice on Standard Way Business Park in Northallerton in **May 2017**.

This will be a small animal and farm based. On the farm side this will be headed up by Partners Neil Eastham and Phil Alcock, and assisted by Farm Vet Miles Middleton. Our dispensary service will organised by Kathryn Henry, Jodie Fairclough and Louise Brown.

The opening of this practice will increase the service we provide to our farm clients already within this area. The practice will be open 5 days a week, Monday to Fri from 8.30am – 6.00pm, from May 2017 with an emergency out of hours service operating.

Our local pig clients to this branch will also be able collect medicines from here, which will hopefully act as a more convenient location for some.

Please do contact your vet with any questions you may have.



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Swine Dysentery Charter

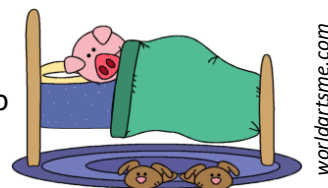
As highlighted in previous newsletter editions, the Swine Dysentery Charter has been replaced by the new Significant Diseases Charter.

AHDB Pork will now be closing the older Swine Dysentery Charter and so producers that are currently part of this will need to re-register to the new Significant Diseases Charter. This can be done through accessing your account on the AHDB Pork Pig Hub or please [click here](#).

Please can we encourage all our clients to register for this new charter, which acts as an important information source to disseminate information quickly in the event of an outbreak of Swine Dysentery or Porcine Epidemic Diarrhoea virus (PEDv). This sharing of information is an important part of the contingency plan drawn up by the Pig Health and Welfare Council to control outbreaks of disease faster and more effectively.

Current Clinical Trends – What are we seeing out there?...

At the moment we are seeing an increase in cases of meningitis, due to suspected *Streptococcus suis* infections. This bacterium is transmitted pig to pig by direct contact and can travel short distances by aerosol. It can also be transmitted by mice and flies. It can survive for long times in water, faeces and dust.



Clinical signs progress quickly so rapid treatment is required once signs are identified in order for the treatment to be effective. As the pigs become recumbent they no longer drink. Most clinical cases of Streptococcal meningitis die from dehydration so it is advised to administer water little and many times throughout the day, remembering that pigs do normally drink a lot of water (1 litre of water per 10kg of body weight).

Management of stressors to the pig, such as incorrect ventilation and other diseases on farm, are important to prevent clinical disease. Clinical disease can be a result of a secondary infection particularly to viruses such as PRRS (Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome also known as 'Blue Ear Pig Disease') and Influenza – both of these viruses lower the effectiveness of the immune system. Good practices such as all-in all-out should be implemented where possible, along with a thorough clean and disinfection programme and an effective rodent control programme to decrease disease transmission.

Please [click here](#) to read our article on this disease.

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