



## Free weekly delivery service

Don't forget we now offer an FOC weekly delivery service. Order by 4pm the day before to receive a delivery on your regular weekday slot. Speak to dispensary to find out your delivery day if you don't know already. Deliveries are conducted by our qualified SQP Philip Bowes. Working closely with the vet team Philip is able to provide a huge range of products relating to animal health.

**See overleaf for more information.**

## Vet Techs take the hassle out of horns!

Disbudding calves can not only be a stressful procedure for the calves but also for you at busy times of year. Our Vet Tech team offer a hassle free solution through routine calf disbudding visits. By arranging a regular visit, the techs can disbud calves at the right age to ensure the procedure is as minimally stressful to the calves as possible. We can also offer an approach known as knock-down disbudding which further reduces the stress associated with handling for the procedure. The double bonus is you can relax knowing the disbudding is taken care of and not have the worry of older, harder to handle calves to dehorn at a later date.

**If you are interested in finding out more about our disbudding service please chat to your routine vet about our introductory offer.**



## Subsidised blood sampling...how to get involved

Blood sampling ewes in late pregnancy (3-4 weeks pre lambing) is a well established tool that will help determine if the ration being supplied in late pregnancy is satisfying the ewes requirements. Ultimately ewe mortality and neonatal lamb mortality is often directly related to the nutrition of the late pregnant ewe. A significant proportion of lamb neonatal death is directly related to ewe colostrum and milk production and this is determined, in part, by ewe nutrition. We have a limited number of subsidised blood tests available. Please speak to a vet for more info.

FlockCheck 2021 kicks off on February 1<sup>st</sup>. This scheme provides sheep owners with access to subsidised testing for the two most common causes of abortion in sheep: Enzootic Abortion (Chlamydia) and Toxoplasmosis. A barren rate over 2%, abortion rate over 3% or the birth of lots of weak lambs may indicate the presence of these diseases on your farm.

**Call the surgery on 01765 602396 to speak to a vet to learn more about what's involved.**

## Bovilis Huskvac – available to order now.

Lungworm can have a devastating impact on a herd's productivity and can affect animals of any age. Vaccinate prior to turnout to ensure your herd will build up an effective immunity to control lungworm infection. Due to the complex nature of the lungworm vaccine it is only available to be used before turnout. Why not consider weighing your stock as you vaccinate. **We are able to hire out electronic scales to check up on growth rates.**



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Upcoming Dairy Discussion group meeting: 'Giving Calves the Best Start' Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

# Our range of animal health products has grown....



Colostrum and milk replacer for calves and lambs

Electrolytes, supplements and minerals

Lambing and calving equipment

Milk feeding equipment



Ready made lambing kits - £80



All included in our FOC weekly delivery service. Speak to Philip Bowes for more info: 07860 662165

## RAFT Solutions

Struggling to get a good cow in calf?....have you considered a repeat breeder embryo?

Implanting an embryo 7 days after a natural service or AI can help improve the chances of pregnancy. We have both beef and dairy embryos in stock. These can be implanted on farm using a technique similar to AI. The total cost (including drugs and the embryo) is approximately £100.

Speak to the RAFT office for more information: 01765 645893



## Classified corner!



**FOR SALE**  
12k litre 2015 RØ-KA DX every day bulk milk tank. Call Richard for more info: 07716 787999

**WANTED**  
4-8 week old HOL/ HF heifer calves. Call Graham for more info: 07549 831802

