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FARM VET TECH SERVICES



Happy New Year Everyone! I am using this month's newsletter to highlight the vet tech services we offer. With skilled farm labour hard to find and making time for tasks on farm often difficult, our vet techs can help by doing some of the jobs that often get pushed back. There are many services offered here that will aid in improving the welfare and efficiency of your herd as well.

Mobility scoring

All our vet techs are ROMs accredited (register of mobility scorers) so can perform mobility scoring to the highest standards. Our mobility scores are accepted by all aligned contracts.

Freeze Branding

Our team uses high quality WOPA irons and dry ice to provide a flexible and professional service.



Young Stock Services



Disbudding

We provide handling facilities for pre weaned calves free of charge so our vet techs can perform disbudding with no additional help.

Vaccine administration



All vet techs are trained to the highest standard on intramuscular, subcutaneous and intranasal vaccine administration. Whether it is routine weekly visits for pneumonia vaccine or one off whole herd vaccination you can count on us.



Calf weighing



Our vet techs can visit farms routinely to provide accurate weights for growing animals. Data analysis is included free of charge.

Friendly flies



During the fly season, our team will visit your farm on a fortnightly basis and provide targeted application of friendly flies.

These flies feed on nuisance fly larvae drastically reducing fly numbers over the summer without the use of harmful pour-ons.

Testimonial from one of our farms using our friendly flies service

"The lack of flies was so noticeable that a visiting dairy farmer even commented on the fact that there were no flies around the transition cows and dry cows in their shed during August. The cows have also had less flies in the parlour and the only difference is use of the parasitic wasps. We would thoroughly recommend them to anyone. By having the technicians placing the wasps fortnightly it takes away the regularity that is required to make this work at a very busy time for us on the farm."



Parasite control

Vets techs can help implement parasite control on farm via faeces collection for worm egg counts, helping with dosing and weighing animals as well as putting down friendly fly eggs for fly control.

Transition cow assessment

Getting the transition management right on dairy farms is vital for ensuring good cow health and optimal milk production. Our vet techs can come and do a transition cow assessment to try and identify any risk areas in your system. You and your vet can then go through the assessment findings and discuss potential changes for the better!

This includes but is not limited to:

- Stocking density assessment of either straw yard or cubicles
- Feed and water assessment
- Body condition scoring
- Rumen fill scoring
- Faecal scoring
- Mobility scoring
- Observation of group changes
- Observation of cow flow

Other services

Body condition scoring, digital dermatitis scoring and teat scoring are also services our vet techs provide.

If you are interested in any of these services provided please call the office or chat to one our vets or vet techs.

Hoping you all had a great Christmas and New Year!

If you need to drop off samples to Pamington, Twigworth or Avenue for collection, please could you ring to let us know. This will ensure they are picked up and run in the lab as promptly as possible. Thank you.

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