

****Change of address****

As many of you already know, Pearce's Yard has unfortunately been sold to developers and we have had to find new premises.

We will be moving on **Wednesday 1st September** to:

Unit 2, Rycote Lane Farm, Milton Common OX9 2NZ

(The same site as Farol John Deere, drive through car park, turn left just before main Farol gates into courtyard of barn conversions, new NorCal building is on the left)

Our phone number/email address will remain the same

Any help on the day would be greatly appreciated – free beers on offer!

Please let us know if you can spare any time and please bear with us pre/post moving!

Visit fee price update

Please note we have updated our visit fees as below:

<i>Weekday</i>	8.30am - 5pm	£34.20
<i>Weekday over 35 miles</i>	9am - 5pm	£42.00
<i>Weekday Evening</i>	5pm - 9pm	£46.20
<i>Weekend</i>	9am - 9pm	£54.00
<i>Night</i>	9pm - 8.30am weekday 9pm - 9am weekend	£60.00

(The on-farm time/specific job fee is charged in addition to the visit fee)

Red Tractor Medicine Course

Just a reminder that we have a Red Tractor Approved medicine administration training course that can be delivered in person or online via Zoom.

Cost of the course is £35+ VAT per person.

If you are interested in completing the course please get in touch with Rebecca at thame@norcalvets.co.uk or call 01844 260616

New Forest Eye

With the hot weather we have been experiencing recently, there has been a huge increase in the number of flies. This has several implications for disease on our livestock farms, in particular the incidence of New Forest Eye Disease.

Usually, youngstock appear to be more badly affected by this condition as older animals have likely been exposed previously. Signs include tear staining, increased blinking, blue and hazy eye surface with ulcers later developing. Animals affected will eventually become blind.

The disease is caused by the bacteria *Moraxella bovis* and is transmitted by flies, contact between animals, and fomites (fencing, feed barriers, troughs etc.). Control measures such as temporarily isolating any new stock and attempting to control fly populations with topical insecticides and ear tags can help.

This condition can be self-limiting however usually some topical and/or systemic antibiotics such as Orbenin/Opticlox/Engemycin/Alamycin and anti-inflammatories (Meloxidyl/Animeloxan) are required.

Scald

In the past few weeks we have been seeing a lot of sheep lameness due to scald. Scald is caused by the bacterium *Dichelobacter nodosus* which also can be responsible for foot rot in severe infections. Infection happens when bacteria enter through damaged skin of the feet. Scald is more likely to occur when sheep are at high stocking densities so transmission usually happens in areas where sheep gather like feed troughs, favoured areas of the field and in housing. Signs to look out for include: lameness, redness/swelling between the claws and possible white discharge.

If only individual animals are affected blue spray can be used. If a large proportion of the flock are affected the entire flock can be run through a footbath using 10% Zinc Sulphate or 3% formalin solution. Sheep must be left in a dry area post bathing to allow the footbath solution to dry onto their feet. It is advised to repeat this process either once or twice a week during higher risk times of the year. If your sheep are affected and you need any further advice please get in touch.

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