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Micotil as a treatment for High Cell Count Cows

Micotil is now licensed for treating high cell count cows. Micotil provides very high levels of antibiotic in the udder and also enters the cells where some of the high cell count bacteria can hide.

Cure rates for the bacteria Staph aureus and Strep uberis, the commonest causes of persistently high cell counts, are higher with Micotil than other antibiotics on the market.

The milk withdrawal is 36 days and so it can only be given around the time of drying off and should be used in conjunction with your normal dry cow therapy.

This is an expensive treatment and so it is necessary to target cows carefully. Older cows with obvious udder pathology or cows with cell count problems preexisting the current lactation are unlikely to be cured by Micotil.

Micotil can only be administered by a vet due to several farmers dying as a result of self injection. However, with a little

forethought we can inject cows whilst we are on farm for other reasons such as routine fertility visits, TB testing etc.

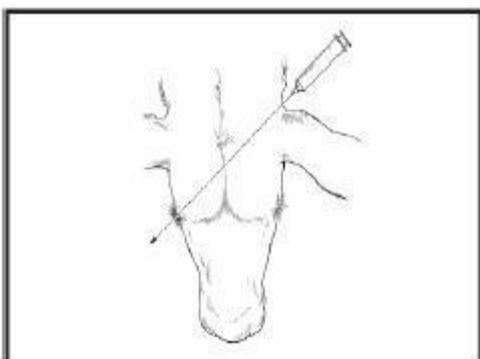
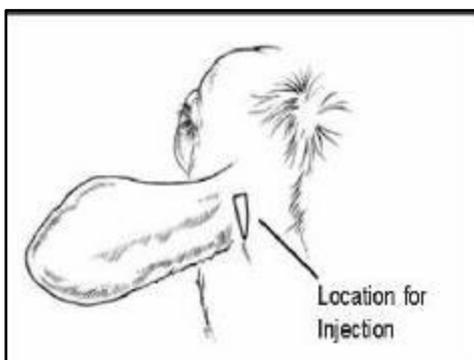


A New Product - Naxcel

Pfizer have produced a new long acting version of Excenel, called Naxcel. A single injection provides seven days of antibiotic cover still with a nil milk withdrawal and nine day meat withdrawal. We have found Excenel useful in dairy cows for treating foul in the foot and post calving uterine infections.

The drawback of Naxcel is there is a specific injection site. To avoid meat residue problems it is essential that

Naxcel is injected under the skin at the base of the ear as per the diagrams.



method, to apply blocks correctly and sharpen knives.

This course will run from the 18th-20th January and will be held on farm by kind permission of Mr P Smith, Lower Castle Hayes, Tutbury.

FarmSkills courses for Sheep Farmers

We are also holding two FarmSkills courses for sheep farmers in February which will be run by John Kirk and Alex Sindrey.

There is a course on the Control of Lameness in sheep on Wednesday 3rd February and on Parasite control in sheep on Wednesday 10th February.

Both of these meetings will be held at Home Farm, Chartley by kind permission of Mr J Mackellar.

The FarmSkills courses are heavily subsidised by the RDPE but there is a modest fee payable with lunch included.

Participants are limited for these courses so please contact the Farm Office to book your place.

Forthcoming FarmSkills Courses

Dutch Foot Trimming Course

The course will run over three days and will be led by John Dawson, a vet with a special interest in cow foot care. By the end participants will be equipped with the skills to trim your cows by the Dutch

