

Nematodirosis Warning

May and June are high risk months for Nematodirosis in young lambs



- Acute Onset watery diarrhoea
- Lethargy
- Rapid weight loss
- Dehydration
- Sudden deaths

As the trigger for hatching of the eggs depends on weather conditions, the period of risk can vary, but requires the presence of susceptible lambs, typically 4-12 weeks of age, coupled with contaminated pasture

Diagnosis:



Post mortem findings, and the identification of the worms in the intestines, as shown above, are diagnostic.

Nematodirus battus eggs can be identified in dung samples, but they are not prolific egg layers, so even low numbers are significant. Importantly, the absence of eggs does not rule out the diagnosis as clinical disease occurs before egg laying starts

Treatment:

Treatment with most wormers will be effective, **except** injectable ivermectins or injectable moxidectin (Cydectin). Doramectin (Dectomax) requires an increased dose for treatment of adult *N. battus*. No wormer has a persistent effect against *N. battus* so several treatments may be required over the period of risk.

Avoidance:

Try to graze lambs of 1-3 months of age on pastures where there have not been lambs of a similar age in the last 1-2 years.



Treat Cattle Early in the Season For Flies

Flies are not only a nuisance to cattle leading to kicking in the parlour and disrupted feeding, but they spread disease. Flies are responsible for the transmission of major infectious diseases in cattle including **Summer Mastitis** and **New Forest Eye**.

Treat cattle early in the season, so reducing the numbers of breeding adults before their number rise steeply. **Two flies will become two hundred in a month!**

Treat regularly

There are two types of flies; resident flies which spend a lot of time on cattle and visiting flies such as the **Head Fly** which spread summer mastitis and spend most of their time away from the cow. These visiting flies have only a short time in which to take a lethal dose of insecticide so you need to be sure that the concentration of insecticide is at a high enough level every time they visit.

Choose your product

Whilst resident flies generally set the maximum duration for the product, often referred to as the "up to" period of duration, activity against visiting flies should determine when to re-apply. This may actually be monthly, even for so called "long acting" fly products!

Congratulations!!

We're sure you would like to join all of us at the practice in wishing Gill and Simon best wishes for the future, following their marriage on Saturday 26th May



New Farm Animal and Equine Office

Preparations for the opening of the new office are almost complete. Hopefully we will open on Monday July 2nd, with all of the pharmacy moved over to the building. From that date all phone-calls will need to be directed to this office so that we can better organise all visits.

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It will still be possible to collect drugs from our other surgeries, however for large orders or multiple items please 'phone the farm office, regardless of where you wish to collect, and the farm team will ensure that the items are available and ready for collection.
