



SOUTHERN RANGITIKEI VETERINARY SERVICES LIMITED

233 State Highway 1 Bulls & 48 Tutaenui Road Marton

# JULY 2018

## Seasonal Reminders & Various other Stuff Vet Notes:

*The time has certainly been flying by this year—we've already seen a few lambs and even the odd calf on the ground around the district.* June is always a busy month of events for the clinic and this year was no exception. With the shortest day behind us, it's time to start preparations for the spring—if you are coming in to pick up your spring requirements and would like to save some time, please give us a call before you come in and we will aim to have your products ready to go when you arrive.

### Events and upcoming seminars

- The annual "Challenge-a-bull" Vets vs Clients sport has been played out and this year we were playing badminton. It was an exciting evening with a great turnout for both clients and vets. After a really competitive evening, vets were able to hold onto the trophy this year.
- Our annual SRVS Dairy Performance Awards were held again last month with great success. This year we were lucky enough to have Dr. Dave Baldwin the "healthy Bastards" author and advocate giving a presentation for his life story. Congratulations to all the winners and nominees for the serious awards, and the not-so-serious awards! We enjoyed being able to thank you for your support over the 2017-2018 season.
- A Big congratulations to Kristina and Isaac for their beautiful baby girl "Alexi". We are very happy for the both of you.
- The spring first aid seminar is fast approaching. This is ideal for new farm staff who are lacking a bit of knowledge and is also a great refresher for more experienced staff who are wanting to touch up



**Wednesday 11th July 2018**

**10am—3pm**

**SRVS Seminar Room 233 SH1 BULLS**

This seminar will give participants an understanding of spring animal health issues and how to deal with them.

Topics include metabolic conditions, recognising the sick cow, prolapses, calf disease basics and correct technique for administration of medicines.

\$180 per

Person\*

\* discounted for  
Multiples per farm

RSVP by Monday 9th July (06) 3222 333 [michelle@srvs.co.nz](mailto:michelle@srvs.co.nz) Lunch, tea & coffee provided.

# ANIMAL HEALTH

## Minerals for Spring

Pre-calving minerals should have started being supplemented in most herds by now. Herds that have been on a predominantly cereal, PKE and/or fodder beet diet are at risk of metabolic issues as these feeds are all low in calcium or phosphate. If problems arise please don't just think it is a magnesium issue and increase magnesium supplementation rates as this may not solve the problem. Please phone the clinic if you wish to discuss any mineral supplementation issues. Trace mineral mixes containing selenium and copper especially should also be started now if they haven't already.

## Sleepy Sickness in Ewes

Ewes need to be watched for signs of Sleepy Sickness. Any sheep scanned with multiple lambs should be getting additional feed to meet the requirements of their growing lambs. Any ewes showing signs should be treated by drenching with Ketol and injections of 100ml Calprophos under the skin to increase their energy levels. Repeat treatments can be given after 6 hours.

## Pre-lamb vaccination and new vaccine

Pre-lambing vaccination is extremely important to prevent sudden death and clostridial outbreak. This year we change the regular vaccine "Ultravac 5in1" to "Coglavac 8in1". It covers three more pathogens by only increasing the price by 2c per dose.

## New Product



*A cow may have increased requirements for both phosphorus and calcium when demand outweighs supply. This is typically at calving and during lactation—especially early lactation when the production of colostrum and milk draws heavily on a cow's reserves.*

*In addition, cows fed a diet of fodder beet may have an increased requirement for phosphorus and calcium. Fodder beet is a popular winter feed for cattle, but it's also well-known to be relatively low in both these minerals.*



*Calform Phosphorus provides a readily available form of phosphorus and calcium that is easy to administer.*