

West Lakeland Veterinary Group

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The start of September brought about the retirement of Bob Ogilvie, after over 30 years working in the Practice. Bob arrived in the mid eighties and started work here as an assistant, for Tony Stewart and Steve Smith, soon progressing to partnership. Bob's down to earth and jovial approach to his work, I am sure, will be remembered by many of you. After spending many years doing a lot of the farm work in the practice he has become very adept at dealing with the small animals and has developed this side of the practice. He has a wealth of small animal surgical experience and we hope he will find time in his retirement to pop in for a coffee and offer his wisdom on the more difficult orthopaedic operations ! We wish Bob a happy, healthy and lengthy retirement and thank him for all his hard work and commitment to the practice and its clients.

For those of you who haven't meet our younger veterinary assistants, here they are:



Tanya has been with us for 18 months and is enjoying working in mixed practice.



Ruth has been with us for over a year now and is a regular on the farms in the practice.



Laura has recently qualified from Glasgow University and has settled in to her first job.

Coughing cattle can have been a problem this year, with the weather conditions being ideal for lungworm. A diagnosis can be made by taking faeces samples from the affected animals. If you see coughing in one or two cattle in a group then early diagnosis and treatment is essential as the disease develops quickly and causes lung damage and sometimes death. Please speak to one of our vets if you suspect Lungworm infection in your cattle and require advice on treatment and prevention.

Fluke eggs have been found in routine faeces taken from mobs of ewes. This means that adult fluke, which have developed over three months are present and indicate that fluke will have been infecting sheep throughout the summer. Please feel free to discuss the testing protocol and treatment regimes for fluke in your sheep or cattle with one of our vets.

The BVD free England scheme has been launched nationwide with the aim of eradicating BVD by 2022. If you already test for BVD you can sign up to the scheme and have backdated results uploaded. Signing up will allow anyone to look up the farm or individual cattle and see the BVD status. The link for the website is: www.bvdfree.org.uk. If you don't currently test or want to know more about the options for tackling BVD then the website has some helpful information or one of our vets would be happy to discuss this with you.