

## Farm Newsletter – June 2022

- **‘Responsible use of medicines’ meetings** – We have had two meetings so far this year with one on Zoom in January and another in the surgery in February. We have had further interest in the training and have therefore organised another meeting on zoom for **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm**. The meeting will cover all aspects of safe medicine use and is now a requirement of the red tractor scheme for beef and sheep farmers as well as dairy, a certificate is provided after the training is complete. To book your place please contact the surgery with your e-mail address before the end of June.  
With the commencement of the ‘sustainable farming incentive’ scheme and its requirement to have an annual health and welfare review, it is likely that this qualification will be required as part of that review. For more information on this please have a look at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sustainable-farming-incentive-how-the-scheme-will-work-in-2022/sustainable-farming-incentive-how-the-scheme-will-work-in-2022>
- **Red Tractor** assessments have got going again and are now in full swing. For dairy farmers we are operating the ‘My healthy herd’ plan which incorporates all of the red tractor requirements. For beef and sheep there are documents to complete which can be downloaded from our web site. Please get in touch a few weeks before your inspection is due and we can get you started with the preparation required before you have a health planning meeting with one of our vets to review the health plans/reviews before sign off. Our website link is : <https://www.westlakelandvets.co.uk/farm/fact-sheets/>
- **Parasite management meeting** – We have invited Dr Frank Turnbull from Techion to present a meeting on parasite management on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June** at our Egremont surgery at 12.30, lunch provided. Frank has supplied us with the FECPAK equipment, which allows us to offer a quicker and more accurate worm egg count on faeces to establish the parasite burden in your stock. He will be discussing the use of anthelmintics in the control of parasites and the use of the FECPAK system as a management tool to inform you on the need to dose.
- **Nematodirus worms in lambs**– The peak risk period for nematodirus was at the end of May, however the risk period is delayed by one week for each 100m above sea level. So for fell farms, especially with north facing fields the hatch is delayed and would still be high risk. For those farms that gave a worm dose a month ago, then now would be a good time to take some lamb faeces samples for the FECPAK worm egg count before a further dose is administered. Please pick up a pack before taking your samples.