

# Broughton Veterinary Group

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## Newsletter – April 2010

### 1. Website Upgrade

We have recently upgraded our website. Please visit [www.broughtonveterinarygroup.co.uk](http://www.broughtonveterinarygroup.co.uk) to explore the site. It now includes downloads for recent newsletters, downloads of useful advice sheets (e.g. mastitis sampling instructions, johnes disease guidance), downloads for vaccine order forms (Bluetongue, Huskvac), links to other useful websites (e.g. DEFRA, ADAS, NMR), and reminders and invites for upcoming farmer meetings. We would welcome your feedback on the website and any requests for other information that you would like to see on the site.

### 2. Meeting Reminder

Our next farmer meeting is on Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> April at 7.30pm at the Royal Oak Bitteswell. The subject for this meeting is "Wormer Resistance in Sheep". An invite with full details will follow soon.

### 3. Bluetongue Vaccine Availability

Bluetongue Vaccine is now available in four pack sizes; BTV Pur 8 10ml = 10 dose; Bovilis BTV8 20ml = 20 dose; Bovilis BTV8 and BTV Pur 8 50ml = 50 dose; and BTV Pur 8 100ml = 100 dose.

### 4. Ubro Yellow Return Delayed

The return of the mastitis intramammary tube Ubro Yellow has now been further delayed and stocks are now not expected to be available until late 2010. Alternatives include Mastiplan; Ubrolexin; Tetra Delta; Synulox LC; Cobactan MC; and Orbenin LA. As always, please feel free to contact us for advice on your mastitis treatment policy.

### 5. New Products

The Drug company Forum Animal Health have recently launched several new products:-

**Scourproof Extra.** These are electrolyte sachets for supportive treatment of calf scour. In addition to the electrolytes to correct the dehydration caused by calf scour, they also include added energy and an additive to slow down gut transit time and help stop calves scouring. Please contact us for advice on this product.

**Kling on Blue Paste.** Forum manufacture 'Kling on Blue', a powder which is added to Cattle and Sheep Footbaths for control and treatment of infectious foot diseases such as digital dermatitis. They have also now launched the same products as a paste for application on individual cow and sheep foot lesions such as digital dermatitis.

**Botonic Calcium** Forum also produce a calcium paste for cows at risk of Milk Fever around calving. Each tube delivers four times more calcium than a standard injectable 40% Calcium bottle and has a combination of fast and slow release Calcium. It is particularly useful for cows at high risk of milk fever (older cows, cows with previous MF history, etc) if given just before calving. For information or to discuss using this product, please give us a call.