

## April Newsletter

### FlockCheck 2009

Have you had many abortions or empty ewes at lambing?

Before you sell them, it will pay to investigate why they are empty; have they had Enzootic Abortion or Toxoplasmosis?

We can blood sample 6 to 8 ewes, the lab fees will be covered by Intervet, and this will indicate if Enzootic Abortion or Toxoplasmosis are present in your flock.

If you would like to discuss any problems or concerns please contact the Office.



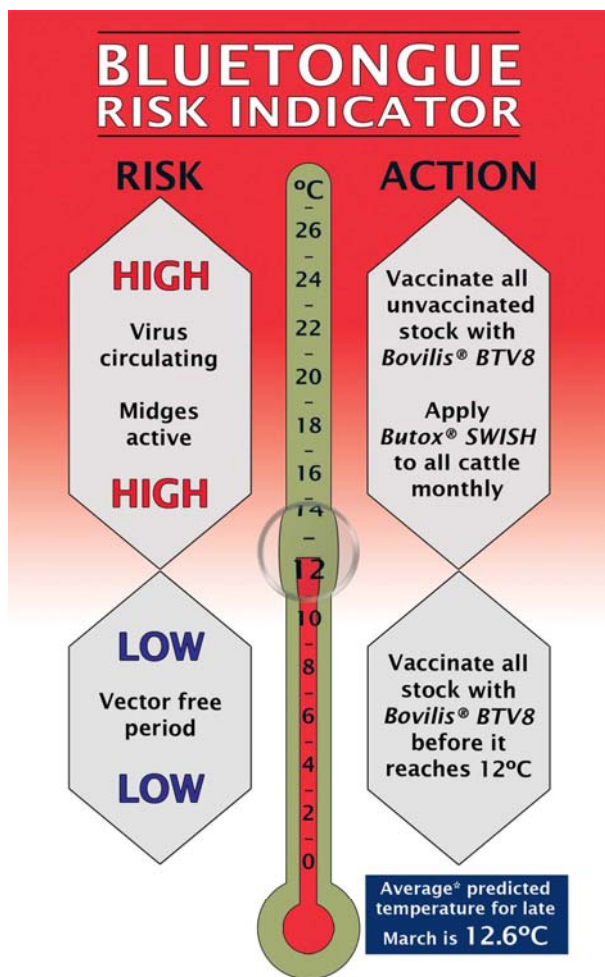
### Free Companion Animal Weight Checks

Obesity is a growing problem in companion animals and predisposes our pets to many other health problems, so it is best sorted out sooner rather than later! If you are concerned about your pet's weight please book a FREE APPOINTMENT with one of our nurses. Nurse clinics run on Tuesdays from 12-12.30pm. We will weigh your animal and fully discuss an appropriate weight-loss plan, which may include a prescription weight loss food.

### Bluetongue Vaccine

Bluetongue is still a risk to Wales and the advice remains to vaccinate. Cattle should be done twice 3 weeks apart and sheep only need to be injected once. Both require a single booster injection annually.

Please contact the Office to place an order.



#### DISEASE SPREAD

Experts state Bluetongue virus replicates in midges from 12°C. The daytime temperature in March reached 17°C\*\*  
Midges can spread up to 5-10kms/day

#### ACTION

Recommend monthly applications of Butox® SWISH  
Ensure farmers have vaccinated all stock before turnout  
Don't forget newborns - vaccinate from 1 month of age

Butox®  
**SWISH**

**BOVILIS BTV8**  
FIRST RESPONSE TO A LASTING THREAT

\*Net-Weather.tv. \*\*BBC. Bovilis BTV8 contains inactivated Bluetongue Virus Serotype 8. Legal category POM-V. Butox SWISH contains deltamethrin. Legal category POM-VPS. Intervet/Schering-Plough Animal Health, Walton Manor, Walton, Milton Keynes, MK7 7AJ.

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