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## Newsletter May 2013

### FVSW celebrates 5 years at Sedgemoor Market

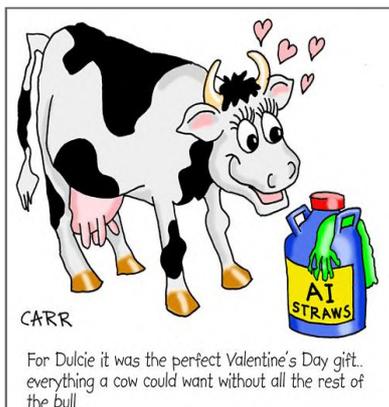


We have now been at Sedgemoor Market for 5 years .....how time flies! We would like to thank you all for your loyalty and support - to those who have been with us since the beginning and also those of you who have joined us more recently.

**As always, we will strive to continue to supply you with excellent service and competitive pricing in the future.**

### AI Courses

We have run several AI courses at Cannington College in the past and plan to hold the next AI course on Monday 13th May.



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For Dulcie it was the perfect Valentine's Day gift.. everything a cow could want without all the rest of the bull.



The first day of the four day course is held at our Sedgemoor Market office and involves a short talk on fertility and AI in cattle, together with a demonstration of correct semen handling and practicing AI technique.

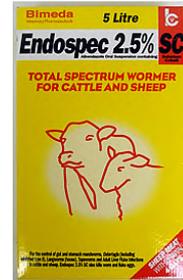
The remaining three days are held at Cannington College: Days 2 and 3 involve practicing on live barren cows (your arms **WILL** ache!) and the final day is a "test" day when you demonstrate correct semen handling practice; perform the AI procedure on a cow and receive your certificate. The cost of attending the course is £200 (dependent on the provision of a holding number). To book a place please call either David or Tracey at our Sedgemoor Market office.



## Worming & Fluke News

### 1. "Black scours in lambs"

Due to the very cold Spring, this year's forecast for *Nematodirus Battus* infection in lambs is **VERY** high. Look out for black scours at the end of April through to May. This type of worm can be rapidly fatal. Treatment of choice is **Endospec 2.5%**



### 2. Rumen-Fluke

We are seeing more and more cases of Rumen Fluke in cattle. This disease, which is relatively new to our area, causes ill-thrift in cattle. Treatment of choice is **Levafas Diamond**.



### 3. NIL MILK WITHDRAWAL Liver fluke treatment is now available

We can source this from Europe via a special import licence. Please speak to Art or Rob if interested.

### 4. NIL MILK WITHDRAWAL Worm Treatment

We have also sourced a generic form of Eprinex. This new product is called **Eprizero** (Norbrook labs) and should prove a slightly cheaper option than Eprinex. Speak to Art if interested.



## Bull Breeding Soundness Exam

The breeding season for your suckler cows is rapidly approaching and this is a good time to think about your bull. To achieve maximum conception in a short period it is vital that your bull is performing well.

To find out if your bull is fertile we provide a **Bull Breeding Soundness Exam**. The bull will be given a full physical exam and semen will be collected for microscopic examination. We have a modern electro-ejaculator so that the bull can be tested safely and securely whilst in a crush. Please contact any of our offices if you are interested



## May Bank Holiday Opening Hours

Our offices will be shut on Bank Holiday Monday 27th May. Drugs can be collected from our Sedgemoor Office **by appointment only**.

## Flying Midge Control

Now is the time to think about flying midge control - especially in light of Schmallenberg virus.

We have secured an excellent deal on Butox Swish. Please speak to Art, Rob or Mike Price for further details.

