

HERDSURE NEWS

Autumn 2012

Welcome to the membership newsletter for the Herdsure Cattle Health Improvement Service. The Herdsure Team has been busy recruiting new members attending Beef Expo, Malvern in May followed by the Livestock Show, NEC early September. On the development front we have introduced the milk test ELISA option for Johne's Disease and are incorporating the BVD tissue test so that ear tags can be used for calves in the PI search at Level 2 of the testing protocol. We are delighted to be able to offer you laboratory testing at last year's discounted prices.

Johne's milk ELISA Test

Milk samples can be submitted as well as blood for the annual herd test of all animals over 2 years of age. A combination of milk and blood samples may be submitted.

The price of the milk ELISA is the same as the serum ELISA, currently £4.30 per test. Milk samples of at least 10ml must be collected direct from the cow's teat into preservative e.g. bronopol.

Please note the following:-

- *Samples should not be collected within 3 months of tuberculin testing.*
- *Cows within 10 days of calving should be blood sampled rather than milk sampled due to the high level of antibodies in milk/colostrum*

Milk samples are acceptable for herds seeking CHeCS accreditation, although for a herd test to count as a qualifying test the samples must be collected by the milk recorder, veterinary practitioner, veterinary nurse or other paraprofessional i.e. not the farmer.

Herdsure member discount for milk sample pots. Contact the sales Helpline at Weybridge salesdesk@ahvla.gsi.gov.uk **01932 357641** to order milk sample pots.

BVD Tissue Test

Herdsure can now offer the ear tag tissue test for BVD Level 2 calf testing. Just order your tags from a supplier and we can do the lab testing at £4.80/test. The vet practice will be invoiced by Herdsure so if you are a farmer member you will need to notify your vet that you are doing this.

Please note: It is not possible to import BVD tissue test results from another lab onto the Herdsure Management System.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Some samples received do not have any animal identification or have incorrect/incomplete animal identification not corresponding to BCMS. **ALL SAMPLES MUST BE RETURNED WITH FULL EAR TAG ID OR TESTING WILL BE DELAYED. THIS APPLIES TO ALL SAMPLING PROTOCOLS.** Please use the correct sample submission forms supplied. For unscheduled submissions such as testing after isolation, testing of young calves please use Form C (downloadable from the website 'Information for Veterinarians')

Hotmail and Helpline

If you have a query please email us with the details at Herdsure@ahvla.gsi.gov.uk. We often deal with queries more effectively via email than via the telephone helpline. Often queries involve referring to several different colleagues and it's often easier to gather the information and get back to you more quickly via email.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CHeCS ACCREDITED MEMBERS

Form D

If you are working towards CHeCS accreditation and you have not already done so, please complete declaration Form D (downloadable from the website or via the helpline 01789 750972) and return to Herdsure. You will also be asked to complete this declaration with each sample submission.

Pen/Sale cards

Please visit website 'Information for Farmer' page under 'useful web links' for application forms. Pen/Sale cards can only be produced for members who have completed Form D and who are seeking CHeCS accreditation.

Please complete:

- Application & Declaration (Form E)
- Vaccination Record Form (Form F)
- Submission Form (Form G).

Please check testing and vaccination requirements with your individual breed society. Animals must be blood tested between 6-12 weeks before a sale. If no testing is required the Herdsure team will need two weeks notice for Pen/Sale cards to be issued on time. Forms must be signed before Pen/Sale cards are produced.

Under no circumstances should a member declare that they are CHeCS accredited unless they have completed appropriate testing and been sent a CHeCS certificate of accredited status for a disease.

New CHeCS Rules in CHeCS Tech Document

- Health Plans are being phased in for Johne's Accredited Members please refer to 3.4 page 30.
- A graded system of accreditation is being introduced for Johne's Disease, see point 1 on page 26.

Please check out the updated 2012 CHeCS technical document at www.CHeCS.co.uk

NEOSPORA

Herdsure tests adults 10-4 weeks prior to due calving date and at the time of abortion. Calf testing is no longer part of the Neospora testing protocol.

DON'T MISS THE LIVER FLUKE TESTING WINDOW!

November, December and January.

Call us for more details or download a disease sheet from our website.

VET AND FARMER HERDSURE HANDBOOKS

The latest Vet and Farmer Herdsure Handbooks, forms and disease information sheets are now available to download or print directly from the website 24/7. Simply type Herdsure into Google or other search engine or use web address www.ahvlascientific.com

Meet the Herdsure Team

The Dairy Show, Bath and West, Somerset, 3rd October 2012, Stand 193 in the Showering Pavilion:

