

# TARFF *newsletter*

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## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Team Tarff proudly joined in on Macmillan Cancer Support's annual Coffee Morning and what a success it was! Our amazing staff at Ringford and Castle Kennedy went above and beyond, baking up a storm and sharing some seriously delicious treats – we've definitely discovered some star bakers in the team!

We're thrilled to announce that thanks to everyone's generosity, we raised £300.47 for Macmillan Cancer Support!



## Langholm Show

We were pleased to attend Langholm show on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September.



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## Ensure ewes are in tip-top condition for tugging

Maximising output through the sale of healthy and viable lambs is a key determinant of profitability for every sheep enterprise. With this lambing season having presented a number of challenges, preparing for tugging in order to maximise lamb output next year will be particularly important. The extremely wet and dull spring will have impacted both the quantity and quality of grazing available for the summer months, with grass samples showing variable levels of energy, protein and sugar. Pasture trace element levels, in particular cobalt, also typically decline over the summer and are often below animal requirements; this has further implications for follicle development, ovulation rates, sperm production and quality.

Supplementation in the run-up to tugging will support body condition and nutritional status during a period where grazing quality and quantity is often in decline, helping to optimise ovulation and conception rates. Rumevite Sheep Super Energy Plus Fish Oil is an extra high energy feed and mineral pressed block containing fish oil as a source of omega-3 fatty acids to support optimal health, fertility and performance in breeding ewes and tups. Multiple energy, from fermentable starch and sugar along with protected fat helps to support ewe body

condition from tugging through to lambing. A full mineral, vitamin and trace element specification, including selenium, cobalt and zinc complements levels often found lacking in forages and are required to support fertility and overall ewe health.

Alternatively, if a bucket is preferred then the Supalyx Super Energy plus Fish Oil is a high energy feed and mineral molassed bucket suitable for ewes and tups during the tugging period, with the added benefits to fertility associated with feeding fish oil. Furthermore, Supalyx Super Energy plus Fish Oil is fortified with minerals, vitamins and trace elements, including selenium, cobalt, zinc and vitamin E to support stock at grass.

Considering the reduced grazing quality that we have seen so-far this season, supplementation this tugging will be particularly beneficial to support forage utilisation and conception rates for a successful lambing next year.

For information on buckets & blocks pre and during tugging, please speak to your local Tarff Valley Sales Representative.



## Revolutionary Product for Cattle and Sheep Lameness

Lameness is one of the biggest problems in farming and the condition causes considerable morbidity by impacting significantly on productivity and economic returns.

United Farmers is committed to providing a better solution for lameness in cattle and sheep, exclusively available in the Country UF brand. Hoof Solution is safer to administer for the end user and is less toxic to the environment. Using self-assembling targeted micro-emulsion technology, Hoof Solution aids easier passage of active ingredients through the cell walls of harmful bacteria and enhances adherence to the hoof and skin, allowing longer lasting activity. This means that Hoof Solution not only attacks lameness bacteria on the exterior of the hoof, but also penetrates into the hoof and attacks that same bacteria from the inside out. This revolutionary and patent pending product is available in a footbath solution, a gel for cattle and a spray for sheep.

For optimum results, foot bathing with Hoof Solution should be done as often as possible (dairy: every milking, every day and sheep: every week at housing).

The highly concentrated formula allows for use at 1% dilution rate for maintenance and 2% + dilution for increased and more challenging conditions. Hoof Solution is cost-effective allowing up to 750 cow passes through a 200-litre footbath and up to 600 sheep passes through a 100-litre foot bath. Hoof Solution Cattle Gel is recommended for topical application during hoof trimming or milking routine. It can be used with a hoof bandage for added retention. Hoof Solution Sheep Spray is recommended for topical application during foot trimming or routine handling.

The Country UF Hoof Solution is available in all Tarff branches. Speak to a member of the team for more information.



## Blueface Leicester Show and Sale

Tarff Valley was pleased to sponsor the Show and Sale of Bluefaced Leicester rams at Wallets Marts on Wednesday 18th September.

Congratulations to R J McTurk, Barlaes who was awarded Overall Champion for his shearling ram.

Reserve Overall Champion went to Burnfoot Farms, Ulzieside for a Ram Lamb

Judge for the show was Mr Neil Donnan.



## AgriExpo

Find us at Borderway Agri Expo on Friday 1st November! Pop by the stand for a cuppa and a catch up!



## Volac Milk Replacers Launches New 50% Skim Milk-Based Product Available from Tarff Valley

Volac Milk Replacers Limited has launched a new skim milk-based calf milk replacer to meet demand from farmers for this type of dairy protein formulation.

New Flourish Calf is an innovative 23% all dairy protein, 19% fat formulation with a high skim content (50%). It is also enhanced with a proven package of calf health ingredients, plus enhanced levels of vitamins and minerals.

“Formulating to a 50% skim content means the level of casein in the product is maximised. This promotes good clot formation in the abomasum, improving digestibility of the casein protein to optimise pre-weaned calf performance. Lower skim content products won’t perform similarly,” warned Dr Jessica Cooke from Volac Milk Replacers.

It contains the optimal protein to energy ratio required by the pre-weaned calf. Flourish fed at 900g of milk solids per day (6 litres of milk mixed at the rate of 150g per litre) will supply 50g of crude protein per Mcal of ME – enough for a calf growth rate target of around 0.8kg per day. It contains a proven blend of high-quality vegetable oils to deliver enough energy (from fat and sugar) to fuel optimum growth, whilst ensuring that the fat content won’t suppress starter feed intake, delay weaning or slow the transition off milk replacer.

Flourish Calf also benefits from the inclusion of Progres® – a unique natural ingredient made from the resin of coniferous trees, which supports good gut health and contributes to better animal performance.

“This resin contains specific natural substances that protect coniferous trees from bacteria, protozoa, viruses and fungi. With the development of Progres®, these substances are now available for use in animals, helping to support intestinal integrity by utilising the natural protection mechanism of coniferous trees. In research studies, the inclusion of Progres® in milk formulations has reduced antimicrobial treatments in pre-weaned calves and delivered improvements in growth and feed conversion efficiency,” said Dr Cooke.

“Whatever your calf rearing situation and performance goal, calf rearers can now confidently choose from a comprehensive range of precision-formulated milk replacers based on premium dairy protein ingredients that have been proven to fuel optimum growth and development, as well as deliver a return on investment,” said Dr Cooke.

Speak to your local Tarff Valley Sales Representative for further details on the new Flourish Calf milk powder!



## Treating Cattle for Parasites at Housing

Housing cattle can reduce growth rates due to stress and diet changes. Treating them for parasites at housing minimises the need for later handling, reducing stress and time.

### Gut and Lung Worms

Worm infestations can reduce growth rates by 30%. Effective control during grazing is crucial, especially to the key stomach worms *Ostertagia ostertagi* and *Cooperia* spp. Immunity to *Cooperia* develops by the end of the first grazing season, while *Ostertagia* immunity takes two years. Treating cattle at housing reduces productivity losses from gut and lungworms.



### Liver Fluke

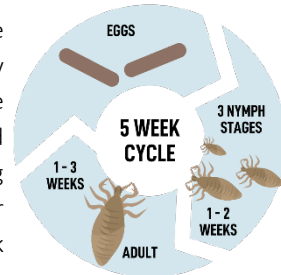
Liver fluke involves an intermediate host, the mud snail. Immature flukes migrate through the gut wall to the liver, causing damage and reducing productivity. This acute stage is more evident in sheep. Cattle do not develop immunity to liver fluke, so treatment at housing is essential to reduce the burden.

### Costs of Liver Fluke:

- Reduced live weight gain
- Lower feed conversion efficiency
- Reduced fertility
- Lower milking ability
- Deaths from acute or chronic infections

### Lice in Cattle

Most housed cattle have lice infestations in winter, heavy infestations can cause irritation, hair loss, and disrupted feeding. Young animals and those with poor nutrition are at higher risk and effective treatment depends on identifying the lice type.



**CYDECTIN TriclaMox Pour-On** This product combines moxidectin and triclabendazole to treat fluke and worms, and is effective against lice. It is rainfast and has a meat withdrawal period of 143

days. It should not be used in cattle intended for milk production.

For effective parasite control at housing, consult with a Registered Animal Medicines Advisor in your local Tarff Valley branch about using CYDECTIN TriclaMox Pour-On.

