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EVERY RAM, EVERY YEAR - BOOK YOUR RAM WARRANT OF FITNESS

Regular examination of rams is important to ensure your rams are going to be fit for the job, and that the many causes of infertility, including Brucellosis, can be detected. Cases of scrotal mange, epididymitis (lumps), poor testicular tone, small testicles, and even the odd unmarked teaser ram are regularly identified, all of which render the affected animals temporarily or permanently unsound for mating. It could be costing your business thousands of dollars a year in lowered lambing percentage for the sake of a short, inexpensive visit each year to check the rams.

Foot Rot Vaccination – Previously unvaccinated stock - two doses of Footvax six weeks apart, and then an annual booster. However a single vaccination to rams, can provide a short period of cover, long enough to cover the mating period.

Vasectomies - Many of you have found the use of teaser rams useful in achieving better performance, especially over ewe hoggets & two-tooths. You need a ratio of 1:300 – 1:500. These ideally need to be done a minimum of 9 weeks pre-tup.

Dog Vaccinations – The vaccination protocol for dogs is as follows:-

- **Pups** – 1 dose at the following ages: 6 - 8wks old / 10 wks old / 14 wks.
- 1 yr old & then every 3 years.
- **Older Pups/Dogs (>14 weeks)** – one initial vaccination / a dose at 1 yr old, then every 3 years.

Cat Vaccinations – two vaccine course as kittens; booster a year later, then every 3 years.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES PLEASE TELEPHONE THE CLINIC.

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Name: _____

Address (incl Rapid no): _____

_____ Date: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile number: _____

Email: _____

Number of rams for examination: _____

Approximate date required: _____

If intending to be away in Jan / Feb please indicate approx. dates (for bookings & contacting): _____

No. of rams for vasectomy: _____ No. of rams for foot rot vaccination: _____

Dog / Puppy Vaccinations

Pups to vaccinate – number: _____ Pups - approx. date of birth: _____

Adult dogs to vaccinate: _____ Cats to vaccinate: _____

Dog names (for our records): _____

Please return to Clutha Vets by 31 December 2023 to the clinic you usually deal through

Email: Clutha – admin@cluthavets.co.nz; Milton – milton@cluthavets.co.nz

NOTE: TOXOVAX ORDER FORM ON REVERSE

ToxoVax Vaccine Order Form

This vaccination, given to your two-tooths (or hoggets, if mating hoggets) prior to mating ensures a lifelong protection against abortion due to Toxoplasmosis. Toxoplasmosis is one of the three commonest causes of sheep abortion – (the others are Campylobacter and Salmonella Brandenburg) and the vaccines against these (CampyVax4 & Salvexin+B) are available without pre-order at the clinics.

The essential facts are:

- Serological testing has shown that toxoplasmosis infection is present on **ALL** South Otago farms tested.
- One shot given anytime from now up to **6 weeks, preferably 8 weeks** prior to mating (not one month as previously) confers lifelong protection. Recent research has shown that the earlier vaccination gave better results because vaccination is more likely to occur prior to maximum field challenge.
- National trials show a 3% increase in lambing for farms that vaccinate with some showing a 12% increase.
- Order at least **four (4)** weeks prior to the date required.

NOTE: BECAUSE TOXOVAX IS A LIVE VACCINE WITH A SHORT DATE LIFE (10 DAYS) IT MUST BE PRE - ORDERED.
NO TOXO ORDER – NO TOXO VACCINE

Campylobacter on the other hand is present on 88% of NZ farms and is a pretty commonly diagnosed cause of abortion. The disease can affect your lambing as follows:

- Low level losses of around 5 - 9% per year. This includes an increase in full term but weak barely viable lambs resulting from an infection later in pregnancy which reduces survivability/increases lamb loss.
- On some farms, severe abortion outbreaks with 20 - 70% of ewes, especially two-tooths aborting.
- Field studies have shown a 9% increase in lambing percentage on farms that vaccinate.
- CampyVax requires 2 doses 4 - 8 weeks apart to the first lambers with the final dose best completed 2 weeks prior to mating. It does not require pre-ordering.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____

Email Address: _____

ToxoVax doses required - in multiples of 100: _____

Date required – nearest Tuesday: _____

Store to collect from (please circle):

Balclutha

Milton

Please return to Clutha Vets by 31st December 2023 to -

Email to CLUTHA – admin@cluthavets.co.nz or MILTON – milton@cluthavets.co.nz

Note: DON'T FORGET TO FILL IN RAM CHECK FORM ON REVERSE