

B.A.B.S NEWSFLASH No.3 MAY 2008

A big thank you to everyone who has contributed so far to the newsflash. I have managed to get 35 email addresses on to my list so far and I am currently posting to 4 people, also the odd member who lives near another member without internet access is copying the Newsflash and passing it on. If anyone is having, or wants to have the flash posted perhaps they could send me a book of stamps and then we will cut the cost to the society. The flash is also available to all on the BABS website.

<http://www.britishalpines.co.uk>

I would very much like to hear from members as to whether they have had any success in passing on their goats due to advertising here. Any successes may encourage more people to advertise.

BLUE TONGUE

The Goat Veterinary society has reported the following;
INTERVET, manufacturers of the BTV vaccine, which has been purchased by DEFRA have updated their information for goat keepers and their veterinary surgeons re the use of their vaccines in goats.

The update reflects the fact that there has as yet not been time to carry out full safety in use tests on goats, and therefore legally. They cannot take responsibility in the event of a serious adverse reaction, although by common consent that is thought to be unlikely.

The Statement I have been asked to pass on reads as follows;

“To the best of our knowledge and belief, the vaccine is safe for use in goats. As with some other vaccines when used in goats, there is likely to be a transient rise in temperature for 24 hours, and lumps are likely to be caused at the injection site, which may persist for 3 to 6 weeks. While users of the vaccine need to realise that neither the manufacturers of the vaccine nor the veterinary surgeon prescribing its use can be held responsible for any adverse reaction which may be suspected to have been the result of the use of the vaccine, Intervet take their responsibilities in the matter very seriously. They therefore urge owners and veterinary surgeons to report to them immediately if there is a suspected adverse event, by contacting the Intervet Veterinary Support Group on 01908 685685

Also from the GVS

I have had an official letter this morning from the Chief Executive of the Veterinary Medicines Directorate, Professor Steve Dean.

The letter is to confirm that when Bluetongue8 vaccine is used in the goat there will be **NO NEED TO WITHOLD** milk or meat from sale at all. This has been agreed by the EU Commission so is now the basis for the use of the vaccine in goats throughout Europe.

DISBUDDING VIDEO This may be of interest to those of you who have problems with your vets disbudding your goats, I am thinking of buying one for my vets practice! This has been developed by the GVS.

At last!!, The moment you have all been waiting for!!, the DVD on how to anaesthetise and disbud goat kids. In this video, which runs for 17 minutes, Kat Bazeley and Nick Perkins take you through the procedure from start to finish, starting with the relevant

anatomical considerations, discussing the various methods of anaesthesia and analgesia currently available, and then showing the technique as it should be done. Emphasis is also laid on the legal aspects of anaesthetic use. The video was conceived as a result of the recognition of the fact that far too few veterinary practitioners are aware of the difficulties and dangers of disbudding kids. The resulting problems of course compromise the welfare of goat kids, and at the same time, make the veterinary surgeon concerned look foolish when things go wrong, possibly to the extent of being on the wrong end of an embarrassing lawsuit. The Goat Veterinary Society hopes that the DVD will enable veterinary practitioners to learn a technique which is not fully taught elsewhere. The price is £10.00 per copy to include postage and packing. Outside the UK, the price will vary according to financial exchange rates and postage costs.

We have had this lovely bit of news from our junior member Jade Beard, granddaughter of Mr and Mrs Hughes of the Horsehay herd.

“Just thought we'd tell you how we are getting on with kidding. We have finished now and with 4 out of 5 milkers that we kidded being first kidders we did quite well. The first one due was Horsehay Jinlaura and she had a single female kid. Then was her twin sister Jinleah she had twins one of each. Next was Horsehay Cedilla who again had twins one of each. Well then we had her mother three weeks later who had a single female and the next day our last was Prosoda who had yet another female kid

so now for the shows , if they go ahead , we have:

3 milkers for inspection (and 3 just in milking)

5 goatling (3BA and 2 from the BA male but AOV)

5 kids (all BA)

2 adult BA males

1 BA bucklings

so I think we may need a bit of help at the shows!!!!”

FOR SALE

Shanvern Beamish (BA RAF)

DOB: 17/03/08

Dam: Dresden Percilene (first kidder)

(ex AR209 Dresden Percilica *3 x §184/168† Coppershel Romsey)

Sire: §§161/184† Dresden Bakalum

Full pedigrees and photos available on request.

CAE Monitored Herd. Whole Herd Milk Recorded.

Contact: Debbie Vernon

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From Charlie Peck;

§184/168† Coppershel Romsey is for sale. By the end of the year I might only have one BA left as I have to cut down. So there is a BA first kidder and a Black & white HB milker to go as well + any kids she might have. charlie_dresdengoats1@msn.com

From Richard and Jackie Rycroft richard_rycroft@btinternet.com, we have the following male for sale in Gloucestershire.

Spuncombe Springbok HB74504D

Sire: \$102/161 Spuncombe Quakerjim BA17621D

Dam: Spuncombe Spring HB73647D