



WHAT'S ON

DAIRY FARMERS

'Automated Technologies in the Modern Dairy on 5th March 11am to 2pm at a local farm. With our vets Ellie Button, Amy Bowers and Luke Ramsden.

'MAKING THE MOST OF VETERINARY MEDICINES'

Monday 27th April 3pm to 5pm

Led by our vet Ellie Button at the Gavel Café, Thirsk Auction Mart.

This is a red tractor compliant course.



LAMBING FOR BEGINNERS

Monday 2nd March at Howells Veterinary Services, Roxby Business Park, Easingwold YO61 3EF

6.30pm -9pm: Trainer: Ellie Button MRCVS

VET'S VIEWPOINT



from Ellie Button
MA, Vet MB, Cert
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Spring is here and for many of us that means that lambing time will be in full flow (with credit to those who have already started or finished lambing!). Whether the sun shines or the rain pours, lambing time can be made so much easier by being prepared. One thing I will look forward to in the next month is visiting sheep flocks for pre-lambing blood testing of ewes. This allows me to assess the feed they are getting and whether it is the right amount for their needs. This can help prevent under-feeding problems such as twin lamb disease but is also an opportunity to identify any over-feeding which can cause prolapses and is also an inefficient use of resources. The ideal time is 2-3 weeks before lambing starts, and five ewes are sampled from each group of singles, twins and triplets. If your flock is not scanned, it is still a worthwhile exercise. If you are interested, please phone the practice to make an appointment.

Calf and Lamb Resuscitation

Springtime is here and our whole team is here to support you through this busy time. Our veterinary surgeons are on hand 24 hours a day for queries and visits. We wish you all a successful calving and lambing season

STEP 1: IMMEDIATE ASSESSMENT.

Is the animal breathing?

Y: Move to post-resuscitation care.

N: Proceed to step 2.

Action: Position on brisket immediately. This allows lungs to inflate.

STEP 2: CLEAR THE AIRWAYS

Positioning: ensure the animal is on the sternum/brisket.

Clear mucus: Use clean fingers to sweep mouth and nose.

Gravity assist: Tilt head down slightly. Do not hang by hind legs

STEP 3: STIMULATE BREATHING (THE 'WAKE UP' CALL)

Nostril reflex: tickle the inside of the nostril with a clean piece of straw to trigger a gasp.

Cold water: Pour a small amount of cold water into the ears or over the head.

vigorous rub: Rub the ribs briskly with a dry, coarse towel.

STEP 4: ASSISTED VENTILATION

Use a resuscitation pump.

Rate: Administer 1 breath every 5-7 seconds.

Caution: Monitor chest expansion; do not over-inflate.

Do:

- Place them on their brisket (chest) to allow both lungs to expand.
- Use a piece of straw to trigger the 'gasp' reflex.
- Keep a 'resuscitation kit' (towels, straw, iodine) ready in the shed.

Don't:

- Hang them over a gate; it can stop the diaphragm working.
- Don't swing the animal it can cause brain damage.
- Don't give up too early; some take a few minutes to 'kick in.'



Be prepared with a resuscitator device

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- Carrying case
- Instructions



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