

BCVA Foundation Course 2021

A series of 6 online interactive workshops

Held monthly from March to August

Who? This course is aimed at new or recent graduates and those returning to cattle practice.

What? Topics include lameness, diagnostics, beef management, mastitis, infectious diseases and youngstock. This course consists of 6 modules and each module is run over one day. Modules can be booked individually or as a full course and if more than one module is booked it is not compulsory that the same delegate attends all.

Each of the six sessions will be limited to a maximum of 10 delegates, to ensure plenty of opportunity for interaction. No question should be left unanswered and there will be plenty of opportunity to discuss particular questions or topics with both the tutors and other delegates.

When? The courses will run on the first Wednesday of each month from March to August (except in April which will be held in the second week due to Easter).

Where? The courses will be run online via the Zoom platform and will involve polls, breakout sessions for group exercises and lots of facilitated discussion.

Why? Learn about and improve your knowledge of clinical topics alongside picking up tips on communication and interpersonal skills. The focus is on 'approaches to' common problems encountered in practice to give you greater self-confidence in tackling these alongside your clients.

Mastitis



Course Date - 3rd March 2021

Course Tutor - James Breen

About the Speaker

James qualified from Bristol in 1998 and entered mixed practice at the Orchard Veterinary Group, Glastonbury. He returned to Langford in 2001 to take up a residency in Farm Animal Medicine, developing his interests in dairy cow medicine and surgery as well as teaching veterinary undergraduate students. He later joined Prof Andrew Bradley and Prof Martin Green on a national dairy cow mastitis research project and has since been involved in the development and roll out of the national AHDB Dairy Mastitis Control Plan and latterly the QuarterPRO scheme.

James remains in dairy practice in Glastonbury, looking after herd health for several clients and now splits the rest of his time between consultancy and advisory work for the Evidence Group and teaching and research at the Nottingham Veterinary School. He holds the RCVS Certificate in Cattle Health and Production (2003) and the RCVS Diploma in Cattle Health and Production (2008) and was awarded a PhD for studies into cow risk factors for clinical mastitis and increased somatic cell count. He is an RCVS-Recognised Specialist in Cattle Health and Production.

Synopsis

Background – why is mastitis (still) important?

What we are faced with in practice: Cell counts

- Should I treat a high cell count cow?
- The importance of antibiotic dry cow therapy and dry period cure rate.
- My client has an increased cell count – what should I do?

What we are faced with in practice: Clinical mastitis

- The cow with toxic mastitis
- Treating clinical mastitis – should I tell farmers to use antibiotics?
- My client is concerned about clinical mastitis rate – what should I do?

Next steps...

Infectious Diseases



Course Date - 14th April 2021

Course Tutor - Colin Mason

About the Speaker

Colin Mason worked initially in farm animal practice in Cheshire and then moved north to Scotland where he now works for Scotland's Rural College as a Veterinary Investigation Officer. His work involves carrying out farm animal disease investigations and disease surveillance in conjunction with veterinary surgeons in SW Scotland and NW England. He has also been involved with the planned control of infectious disease on a range of farms through health planning and cattle health schemes. His research interests focus in particular on young stock health and dairy cow lameness.

Synopsis

The key infectious diseases in cattle: BVD, IBR, Johne's, Salmonella Dublin and venereal Campylobacter infection.

How do these present on farm? Common disease syndromes.

What data can I use to help me diagnose these diseases?

Monitoring:

- How can I monitor these diseases in my herds?
- When and how should I intervene? Options for management, treatment and control.

Engaging farmers in infectious disease control

- Costs and cost benefits
- How to avoid biosecurity being a 'dirty word'

Diagnosics



Course Date - 5th May 2021

Course Tutor - David Harwood

About the Speaker

David spent most of his career as a Veterinary Investigation Officer in Carmarthen and Winchester, before retiring 6 years ago. During his time as a VIO he developed a special interest in the investigation of disease outbreaks in ruminant species by postmortem examination, laboratory testing and field investigations. He was President of BCVA in 2002 and is currently Senior Vice President of the Goat Veterinary Society. He has lectured and mentored widely on gross pathology and laboratory sampling. He is currently a visiting Reader in Veterinary Field Pathology at the University of Surrey. He has been running the BCVA Diagnostics module since its inception, and also helped develop its fore-runner the "BCVA Basic Approach Course".

Synopsis

How to get the most from your laboratory

Selection & Submission; How to take samples and how to send them.

- Calf and adult diarrhoea
- Calf pneumonia
- Abortion

On-farm post-mortems; Challenges and practicalities

- What can you do and what samples should you submit?
- Common pathology presentations and how to recognise them.

Common sampling errors; How to avoid them and understand limitations.

Test results are in... What do they mean and how do you communicate them?

Youngstock



Course Date - 2nd June 2021

Course Tutor - Kat Hart

About the Speaker

Kat joined the George Vet Group in September 2011 after studying at Bristol, where she intercalated in microbiology. She was raised in the cow shed of her family farm, Actonelm Holsteins in Wales and now farms alongside her husband and boys near Bristol, with a 50 cow herd of angus and small flock of sheep alongside a farm shop.

Kat is interested in all areas of farm practice. However, Kat's main passion is dairy youngstock rearing. She launched The George Heifer Rearing Scheme in April 2012. Kat was recently awarded an MSD Ruminant Bursary to investigate colostrum cleanliness and its effect on calf immunity and worked to create Keeping Britain's Youngstock Healthy Scheme. In 2016 she achieved her Certificate in Advanced Veterinary Practice (Cattle).

Synopsis

Youngstock management; getting involved on farm.

Approach to youngstock calls:

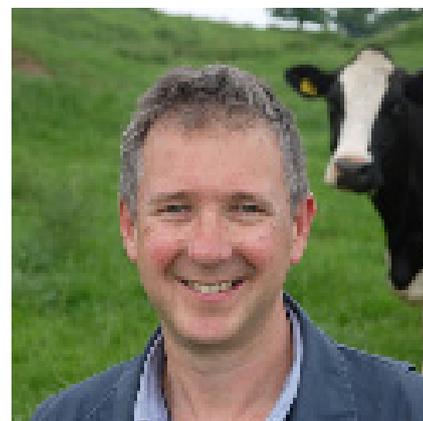
- The scouring calf – are electrolytes enough?
- Pneumonia outbreaks – what to take with you and what to assess.

Optimising management: Developing preventative strategies

- Colostrum management – what and how can we test and what are we aiming for?
- Pneumonia vaccines – where do you start?
- Importance of hygiene and housing – approaches to motivating farmers.

Next steps. How can you drive change in practice?

Lameness



Course Date - 7th July 2021

Course Tutor - Owen Atkinson

About the Speaker

Owen worked in farm practice for over 20 years before establishing Dairy Veterinary Consultancy in 2013. He provides strategic health advice and training to ruminant and dairy agri-businesses, vet practices and dairy farmers throughout UK.

Owen was awarded the RCVS Diploma in Cattle Health and Production in 2013 and is an RCVS Recognised Specialist, a CowSignals® master trainer and a Nuffield Scholar (2010). His interests include lameness; youngstock; building design; rumen health and responsible use of medicines. He is well known for his expertise in bovine lameness; he co-created the AHDB Healthy Feet Programme and authored the lameness section of the latest edition of the popular veterinary textbook, Bovine Surgery and Lameness.

Owen's mission is to improve the lives of cows and the people who care for them.

Synopsis

Background: lameness on UK dairy farms today. Are we seeing improvements?

What we may be faced with in practice; the individual lame cow:

- How do I safely inspect a foot?
- What should my basic toolkit contain?
- When should I block it? What's the best block for me?
- When do I advise digit amputation or slaughter?
- How should I tackle a digit amputation?

How should I approach a case of a lame bull?

What we may be faced with in practice; herd issues:

- How should I respond when a client asks "what should I put in my footbath?"
- My client is concerned about lameness levels. What should I do?
- My client is NOT concerned about lameness levels, and I am! What should I do?

Next steps. Developing your expertise and confidence in lameness work.

Beef

Course Date - 4th August 2021

Course Tutor - Joe Henry



About the Speaker

Joe graduated from Glasgow in 1998 and soon became predominantly a beef and sheep vet with an interest in disease prevention, health planning, production KPIs and grazing management. As well as working in Northumberland he has also spent time working in New Zealand and Poland. In 2018 he undertook a study tour to large cow-calf operations in the western USA.

Joe now works at Black Sheep Farm Health, a progressive beef and sheep practice in Northumberland. Alongside his clinical role he also provides the veterinary input to the East Northumberland Farmer's Club benchmarking group which started in 2004. He was also chosen to be part of the EBLEX Technical Advisory Group for the two-year project to evaluate KPIs for suckler herds and growing and finishing beef enterprises in England.

Outside of work, Joe also runs a farm with his wife Rachel, including a Luining-based herd of about 100 head.

Synopsis

Background and economics of suckler cows and their veterinary provision.

Approach to pneumonia; what do I do and what do I advise the client?

- Diagnosis, treatment and control of outbreaks in suckler calves with case study examples.

Approach to scours; what do I do and what do I advise the client?

- Diagnosis, treatment and control of neonatal scour outbreak in suckler calves with case study examples.

Calving the suckler cow:

- How to avoid difficult calvings in the first place.
- Tips and tricks for calving suckler cows and approaching caesareans.

Investigating infertility in the beef suckler herd.

Registration Form

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Name:	
Practice:	
Address:	
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Email (this is the one you will use on the day):	

Module	BCVA Member Including VAT	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-BCVA Member Including VAT	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mastitis - 3rd March	NA		NA	
Infectious Diseases - 14th April	FULL		FULL	
Diagnostics - 5th May	£246.00		£324.00	
Youngstock - 2nd June	£246.00		£324.00	
Lameness - 7th July	£246.00		£324.00	
Beef - 4th August	FULL		FULL	
All 6 Modules (15% Discount)	NA		NA	

Total £

Method of Payment - Please send completed forms with remittance (in £ sterling) preferably by BACS to: BCVA, Unit 17, The Glenmore Centre, Waterwells Business Park, Quedgeley, Glos, GL2 2AP. Tel: 01452 725735, Fax: 01452 725780, e-mail: office@cattlevet.co.uk, Web: www.bcva.org.uk

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- Cancellation made at least 14 days before the event - no charge
- Cancellation made between 7-14 days of the event - 20% of the event fee charged
- Cancellation made within 7 days - event charged in full.

Transfers - Transfers can be accepted without charge if made at least 14 days before the event. Transfers made at least 7 days before the event attract a 10% charge and within the 7 day period before the event, a 30% charge will be made.