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## MilkSure for Vets

**Helping your clients reduce the risk of medicine  
residues in milk**

**Tuesday 28th September 2021**

Wychwood Park Hotel & Golf Club, Weston, Crewe, CW2 5GP



A one day course suitable for all dairy vets wishing to learn more about the MilkSure course and how to deliver the training to dairy farmers. Vets working in industry and academia are very welcome, as well as practitioners.

Medicine residues in milk is a problem for the dairy industry. Whilst it can be rare in practice to hear about clients' bulk tank failures, there are around one thousand detected incidents per year. As prescribers of the medicines, vets are key players in ensuring they are used correctly and the appropriate withdrawal periods are understood and adhered to. The MilkSure initiative allows vets to get more involved in this important area of their clients' businesses, as well as review their own procedures.

MilkSure training for dairy farmers has been developed by Dairy UK in conjunction with BCVA. Dairy UK is the organisation which represents the vast majority of milk processors in the UK. Some new milk contracts (for example Muller) insist that farmers receive the training from their nominated vet within three months of a bulk tank failure. Other processors have an objective that all their supplying farms undergo this training regularly. The new Red Tractor Dairy Assurance Standards (2017) recommends that all farmers receive training in responsible use of veterinary medicines from their vets, with MilkSure training and accreditation cited as an example.



This one day training course for vets will cover:

1. Technicalities of milk residue failures
  - testing methods and industry procedures
  - legislation
  - discrepancies between MRLs and testing sensitivities
  - cascade use of medicines
  - vets' legal responsibilities, including when medicines are used under the cascade (off-label)
  - likely changes on the horizon
  
2. The MilkSure course and training materials
  - how to deliver the training
  - how to develop this service offering to benefit both farmers and the vet practice
  - the procedure from farm registration to training to accreditation
  - the MilkSure website and online test

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## **Speaker Biography**

***Owen Atkinson, RCVS Specialist in Cattle Health and Production***

Owen graduated from Liverpool in 1994 and worked in predominantly dairy clinical practice for 20 years before establishing Dairy Veterinary Consultancy Ltd. He has helped develop the MilkSure course on behalf of Dairy UK, with input from other practitioners and BCVA directors.

He has a deep understanding of the practicalities and economics of both dairy farms and veterinary practices. He has a particular interest in vet-farmer interactions and successful communication strategies. This background has been useful in developing a practical training course which has received some great feedback from both vets and farmers who have so far participated.

# Programme

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09:30 – 10:00 **REGISTRATION**

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10:00 – 11:00 **Introduction:** objectives; why MilkSure has been developed; why MilkSure is important for processors; for farmers; for vets

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11:00 – 11:15 **REFRESHMENTS**

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11:15 – 12:45 **Part 1 of the MilkSure course:** technical essentials of medicine residues. Legislation; cascade use; residue tests and industry procedures

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12:45 - 13:30 **LUNCH**

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13:30 –15:00 **Part 2 of the MilkSure course:** the practicalities (farm examples; workshop using the “virtual medicine cabinet”)

15:00 – 15:30 **On-line test:** demonstration and opportunity to try for yourselves

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15:30 - 15:45 **REFRESHMENTS**

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15:45 - 16:15 **Offering the training in practice**

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16:15 - 16:30 **WRAP UP AND CLOSE**

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*There will be opportunity for discussion and questions throughout the day. All delegates will receive copies of the Vet's Guide and Farmer Workbook/Manual as well as full access to the MilkSure website.*

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## Testimonials

*“It was a great course: I think all dairy farmers would benefit from it”*  
Dairy Farmer, 150 cows, West Midlands

*“The course was very different to what I expected. I thought it would just be telling us how we need to mark our treated cows, but I actually learnt a lot and I enjoyed the discussion with my vet.”*  
Dairy Farmer, 300 cows, Devon

*“As a farm vet, I found the course was an excellent opportunity to tighten up medicine use, particularly when considering the cascade (“off label” use). The way the training is structured really enhances vet-farmer collaboration in responsible medicine use on dairy farms.”*  
Farm Vet, Devon

*“Great Workbook and Manual: really useful”*  
Farm Vet, Cumbria

# Registration Form

Milksure for Vets (28th Sept 2021) - *Courses are limited to 15 delegates*

Name:	
Practice:	
Address:	
Tel:	Fax:
Email:	

*Please tick*

BCVA Member full registration to include refreshments and lunch (inc VAT)	<input type="checkbox"/>	£200
Non BCVA Member full registration to include refreshments and lunch (inc VAT)*	<input type="checkbox"/>	£240
<i>I would like to make a donation to Send a Cow</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£1

**Total** **£**

Do you have any dietary requirements? .....

\*Would you like to receive future CPD information from BCVA?

YES

NO

Your name will be added to a Delegates List which will be distributed to other delegates on this course.

Please tick here if you do **NOT** wish to be added to this list.

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**Details for Payment by BACS - Account name:** BCVA Ltd

**Sort code:** 20-33-83, **Account number:** 13495434 (*Please send a remittance advice slip*)

**Payment by Credit Card (We do not accept American Express)**

Credit Card: .....

Issue No: ..... Expiry date: ...../...../..... Start date: ...../...../.....

CSC (Card Security Code): ..... (*last 3 digits on signature strip*)

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**Cheques** should be made payable to **BCVA Ltd**

### **Refund Policy for CPD bookings**

*Cancellations - Please note a cancellation fee will be charged as follows:*

- 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.*