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## Mild Summer

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I have been asked by a lot of my farmers what the disease of the month is. It is a bit of a repeating theme in that worms in sheep are a massive problem. This is all to do with the mild summer and what is now a dry green autumn. Barbers Pole worm is our number one villain.

If you have been using a drench for a long time (eg. more than three times in the past year) then it is time to think of alternatives. Ask us or your supplier what is available that will be effective for Barbers Pole.

The other problem in cattle, because of the weather, is pink eye and upper respiratory disease. The easterly winds have blown a large number of flies in from the north and are spreading the disease Moraxella Bovis (pink eye) from one animal to the other and all through the herd. Remember, Arrest (Easy Dose) to stop the fly is really important and to be aware that one application has not been enough. Re-applying every 4 to 6 weeks is required until the flies die or leave the area.



The upper respiratory infections are caused by viral infections (IBR/BVD) and bacterial infections caused by mycoplasma, Bordetella etc. The viral pneumonia can only be beaten by the appropriate vaccine protocol as well as treating bacterial infections with antibiotics.

It has been a difficult year and we can only hope for better summer weather next year.

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- Your dog is as smart as a two-year-old child
- Dogs' only sweat glands are between their paw pads
- The phrase "raining cats and dogs" originated in 17th century England when it is believed that many cats and dogs drowned during heavy periods of rain.

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8am to 6pm

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# Ear Infections

Ear infections are a common problem, especially for pets with floppy, oversized or excessively hairy ears. Ear infections can cause extreme discomfort for your pet and can result in further health problems if left untreated so it is important to seek treatment early.

## Types of ear infections

There are three types of ear infections. Infections of the external ear canal is called otitis externa and this is the most common. Otitis media refers to infections of the middle ear and otitis interna is infection in the inner ear canal.

## What causes an ear infection?

Certain animal breeds such as those with floppy, oversized or hairy ears can be more prone to ear infections, because they act as a lid trapping in moisture and heat, which can encourage the overgrowth of yeast or bacteria. Common causes of ear infections include trapped moisture, allergies, heat, wax build-up, ear mites, foreign material, unknown growth and excessive cleaning.



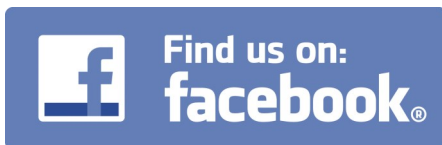
## What are common symptoms of an ear infection?

Ear infections can cause significant discomfort for your pet. Look out for the most common symptoms such as, scratching/rubbing ears, shaking head, abnormal odour from ear, ear redness or swelling, discharge from ear canal, crusting or scabs in the ear, discomfort or whimpering, head tilt, disorientation and irritability.

## How is an ear infection treated?

Quick treatment is imperative to not only your pet's comfort but also to prevent the spread of the infection to the middle and inner ear. Do not try to treat your pet's ear problems from home, as this can increase the severity of your pet's condition. In most cases medicated ear drops are used to treat the effected ear.

If there is discharge or foreign matter, it may be necessary to first clean and flush the ear canal to allow for a full ear examination and effective treatment and depending on the severity of the situation sedation may be required.



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