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Vaccination and worming are essential for maintaining the health and productivity of your cattle and sheep. Vaccines such as 5-in-1 and 7-in-1 protect against serious diseases including blackleg, tetanus, enterotoxaemia, and pasteurellosis.

For calves and lambs, vaccination typically starts at 6–8 weeks of age, followed by a booster 4–6 weeks later to ensure strong, lasting immunity. Adult cattle and sheep should then receive annual boosters, ideally in spring or autumn. Keeping up with vaccinations not only protects individual animals but also reduces the risk of disease outbreaks across your herd, safeguarding both animal welfare and farm productivity.

Worming is equally important, as internal parasites like roundworms, tapeworms, and liver flukes can significantly impact growth, milk production, and overall condition. The most effective times to worm are generally in spring and autumn, when parasite activity is highest. Regular treatments help control parasite loads, but rotating products is essential to prevent resistance and maintain effectiveness.

Neglecting worm control can lead to poor growth, reduced milk yields, and serious health issues. A tailored parasite management plan, developed with your veterinarian, will ensure the most effective approach based on your farm's specific conditions and risks. By staying on top of both vaccination and worming programs, you can protect your livestock, improve productivity, and avoid costly health problems. Contact us to learn more or to schedule your next appointment.

We provide:

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- Herd Health Advice
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- Lameness in Cattle
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- Nutrition



Medication Reminder



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emergencies.**

Office:
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**Our emergency number
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Ear Infections

Ear infections are a common and often frustrating issue in dogs, typically caused by a combination of bacteria, yeast, moisture, allergies, or foreign bodies. When the natural balance of the ear canal is disrupted, microorganisms such as *Staphylococcus* and *Pseudomonas* bacteria, or *Malassezia* yeast, can overgrow and lead to infection.



Some dogs are more prone to ear infections due to their ear structure. Breeds with long, floppy ears—such as Cocker Spaniels, Basset Hounds, and Bloodhounds—are particularly susceptible because reduced airflow can trap moisture and debris, creating an ideal environment for infection. Other contributing factors include environmental allergies, food sensitivities, excessive moisture from swimming or bathing, and ear mites.

Common signs of an ear infection include frequent head shaking, scratching at the ears, redness, discharge, and a foul odor. If you notice any of these symptoms, it's important to seek veterinary care promptly. Early diagnosis allows for targeted treatment, which may include antibiotics or antifungal medications. Completing the full course of treatment is essential, even if your dog appears to improve, as stopping early can result in recurrence or antimicrobial resistance. A follow-up visit is also recommended to ensure the infection has fully resolved.



If left untreated or not properly managed, ear infections can lead to serious complications. Chronic inflammation may cause stenosis (narrowing of the ear canal), increasing the likelihood of future infections and making treatment more challenging. Another potential complication is an aural hematoma, where blood vessels in the ear flap rupture due to excessive shaking or scratching, leading to swelling, pain, and possible permanent damage.

Preventing these outcomes requires consistent care, including following treatment instructions closely and attending recommended recheck appointments. By staying proactive about your dog's ear health, you can help prevent discomfort and support a healthy, infection-free life.



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