

BCVA Foundation Course 2022

A series of 6 workshops

Held monthly from April to September

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

What? Topics include lameness, beef management, mastitis, infectious diseases and youngstock. This course consists of 6 courses and each session is run over one day.

Each of the 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 April to September.

Where? Some courses will be run online via the Zoom platform and will involve polls, breakout sessions for group exercises and lots of facilitated discussion. Some modules will be in person. Lameness and Mastitis will have an online and in person course. You do not have to attend both but it will be useful to attend the online course if you are are planning on attending the practical sessions.

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.

Lameness

Course Date - 27th April 2022

Course Tutor - Owen Atkinson

Where - Online



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.

Mastitis

Course Date - 18th May 2022

Course Tutor - James Breen

Where - Online



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 Map of Ag 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...

Beef

Course Date - 13th July 2022

Course Tutor - Joe Henry

Where - Online



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.

Fertility

Course Date - 24th August 2022

Course Tutor - Alice Miller

Where - In person, Dorset



Meeting Room: Pearce Seeds LLP, Rosedown Farm, Sherborne, Dorset, DT9 4SX

Farm: Stowell Farm, Stowell Hill, Stowell, Dorset, DT9 4PE

About the Speaker

Alice moved to Dorset after qualifying from Bristol University in 2009 to start work as a farm vet. She joined the Friars Moor Livestock Health team in 2018 where she is now an Associate Director. In 2018 Alice graduated with the DBR from the University of Liverpool and she worked towards gaining her Advanced Veterinary Practitioner status in Bovine Reproduction in 2020. Alice became a qualified mental health first aider in 2020 to help promote mental health awareness and offer support to both colleagues and clients alike.

Alice joined the BCVA board in 2020 and enjoys her responsibilities contributing to board matters. Alice is keen to engage with students and has a particular interest in supporting them by running clinical clubs and webinars as well as giving presentations and running workshops at FAVS symposiums and congress. Alice sits on the Dairy Red Tractor Technical Advisory Committee and the BCVA students, congress, and wellbeing planning groups.

Alice's professional interests are in cattle fertility, particularly heifer breeding, bull fertility and infectious disease control. Her DBR dissertation was on heifer synchronisation protocols and the use of pre-breeding examinations including pelvic measuring and reproductive scoring. Alice regularly teaches DIY AI and calving courses for farmers and students.

Synopsis

Classroom based theory session to include:

- **Considerations for dairy fertility work:** what type of system is run, the client's priorities and setting and monitoring targets.
- **A holistic approach:** consideration of the "whole picture" and how these things all affect the reproductive cycle, including transition cow management, cow comfort and disease.
- **Decision making at routine vet visits:** which cows you want to see and when, as well as treatment options and when to apply them.
- **Use of the ultrasound scanner and manual techniques:** how the scanner works, how to use it and how to interpret what you see and feel.

On farm practical sessions to include:

- **"Wet-lab":** examination and dissection of the reproductive tract.
- **"Rectal examination of cows":** examination of the reproductive tract with the use of ultrasound scanners including manual tips too.

IMV Imaging are kindly providing the 'Easi-Scan:Go' scanner for this course. This scanner connects to all Wi-Fi enabled devices such as smart phones and tablets. Delegates will be required to download the free app on to their phones in preparation for the course. (It can be found in the Apple App Store or Google Play store by searching for 'IMV Scan'.)



Infectious Diseases



Course Date - 13th September 2022

Course Tutor - Colin Mason

Where - Quedgeley, Gloucester

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'

Mastitis



Lameness



Course Date - 21st September 2022

Course Tutors - James Breen and Owen Atkinson

Where - Inperson, Shropshire

Meeting Room: Park View Business Centre, Combermere, Nr Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 4AL

Farm: Nixon's Farm Ltd, Upper Farm, Market Drayton, TF9 3TR

Synopsis

Foot Health practical synopsis:

The foot health session will be entirely practical based, outdoors but under cover. The following subjects will be covered using cadaver feet and as much hands-on for delegates as possible:

- trimming equipment
- trim technique and confidently assessing how a foot has been trimmed
- dealing with complicated claw horn lesions
- digit amputation and other common digit surgeries (incl. review of regional anaesthesia)
- blocking - lots of examples to illustrate the choice available; which to use; pros and cons of each type; how to block effectively in practice

Delegates will be required to bring suitable protective clothing which must be clean, disinfected and disinfectable. All other equipment will be provided.

Udder health synopsis:

This session will aim to build on the core concepts of using cell count and clinical mastitis event data to understand the predominant pattern of infection on farm.

Delegates will be given data pertaining to the host farm in advance, so they are able to think about aspects of mastitis control that are relevant to the current farm situation.

The sessions will focus on environmental management of lactating and dry cows and by the end of each session, delegates will be challenged to produce a "shortlist" of recommendations to the client, with clear idea of HOW these may be implemented and what outcome measures need to be monitored that relate to these interventions

Registration Form

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Name:	
Practice:	
Address:	
Tel:	Fax:
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"/>
Lameness - 27th April	£246.00		£324.00	
Mastitis - 18th May	£246.00		£324.00	
Beef - 13th July	£246.00		£324.00	
Fertility - 24th August	£360.00		£450.00	
Infectious Diseases - 13th September	£342.00		£480.00	
Mastitis and Lameness - 21st September	£360.00		£450.00	

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

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Credit Card:

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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.