

Security and Biosecurity

The NPA recently published a warning that incursions on farm are likely to increase over the coming months as the group called 'Animal Rising' have announced they will be embarking on a sustained campaign over the summer and that as part of this, they are planning to 'rescue' animals from farms and abattoirs and potentially stage on-farm occupations. There has been a marked escalation in animal rights activity over the past couple of months and often larger campaigns can incite individuals to conduct their own direct action on local farms they're aware of.

Over time we have become more aware of physical biosecurity on farm, but such a stark warning should not be ignored. It is easy to become complacent and believe that 'it won't happen to me'; however incursions on farm can no longer be classed as unexpected events and can carry longer term consequences for those who are targeted. At best, an increase in audits from APHA, Red Tractor etc will happen. There is also untold stress on owners and staff on units that have had incursions (often repeatedly) and the very real danger of transmissible disease outbreaks.

The NPA have produced a 'Pig Unit Security Pack' and we would encourage all our producers to take some time in heeding their warning and ensuring you have protected your unit as far as possible. On top of practical tips, this pack also includes advice on what to do if you are targeted, or discover unwelcome visitors on your unit. As ever, if you have particular concerns, please speak to one of us.

GVG Pig Health Scheme

We have had an encouraging number of early adopters for the GVG Pig Health Scheme, now underway with assessments completed. If you have not yet signed up and want to know more, there is a webinar scheduled for 4pm on the 7th June. Alternatively you can speak to us at farm visits, or ring the office for more details.

The assessment dates for the next few months are:

<u>Westerleigh</u>	<u>Gills</u>
1/6/23	8/6/23
28/6/23	25/7/23
4/7/23	23/8/23
17/7/23	22/9/23
3/8/23	
18/8/23	
4/9/23	
12/9/23	

AHWP Deadline

A reminder that the deadline for applications through the Farming Equipment and Technology Fund is June 15th.

GVG Pig Fair

We will be holding the GVG Pig Fair on Tuesday 24th October at Taunton Rugby club. More details to follow – but for now – save the date!

Dispensary Closure

Please note that our dispensary will be closed all day on Friday June 30th as we undertake the annual stocktake. Please ensure orders are in by Wednesday 28th June so they can be processed in time.

George Vet Group Pig Health Scheme



In conjunction with **zoetis**

- Abattoir health monitoring carried out by the GVG vet team
- Minimum of two assessments per year
- Report and analysis for every batch assessed
- Temporal and seasonal trend analysis plus benchmarking opportunities

Working together to monitor and improve herd health

To register for the scheme please contact the office on 01666 823355 or email: PHS@georgevetgroup.co.uk

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