

## Updates

### **Deliveries**

Please be aware that we can no longer send aerosol cans (Aluspray and Engemycin) by any external courier. You will still be able to receive these using GVG direct. If a courier is necessary, we would recommend Holospray for its astringent properties and zero antibiotic content.

### **Prescriptions**

You may be aware that our prescription system has recently changed, could we please remind all those ordering feed prescriptions to order with 4-5 days notice to allow our vets to sign them in good time for the mills. Thanks in advance.

### **Animal Health and Welfare Pathway is now Live! (England only)**

To register for a government funded veterinary visit and free PRRS testing please follow the link below:

<https://apply-for-an-annual-health-and-welfare-review.defra.gov.uk/apply/register-your-interest>

Remember that this is likely to allow future grant applications. Please let us know once you have registered so that we can book the vet visit. We think this would be the perfect opportunity to utilize our environmental kit, which was presented at Pig Fair in October.

### **Weaner Management Webinar**

We are delighted to announce that we are running a webinar on "Optimising the weaner" in March and April. The April webinar will be a repeat of the March one so that you can select a date which is suitable for you to attend. Our aim for the foreseeable future will be to provide more online learning opportunities so please feel free to discuss which topics you would be interested in with your vet.

## Optimising the Weaner



### Webinars

In conjunction with 

Thurs 16th March: 4pm -5.30pm  
Weds 19th April: 4pm -5.30pm

- Husbandry
- Hygiene
- Nutrition
- Vaccination
- Life after Zinc



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Where next for management of post-weaning issues?

To register your interest and book your place please contact the office on 01666 823355 or email: [pigteam@georgevetgroup.co.uk](mailto:pigteam@georgevetgroup.co.uk)

## Worms!

Pig worms can be detrimental to health and subsequently growth in the weaned pig as well as impacting sow health. Please find some information below on the common worms and their monitoring and management.

	Clinical disease	Age of Pig	Manifestation of disease
<i>Roundworm (Ascaris suum)</i>	Milk Spot liver	Growing Pigs	Poor growth rates, coughing
<i>Stomach Worm (Hyostongylus rubidus)</i>	Inflammation of lining of the stomach	Sows - Predominantly Outdoor	Inappetence leading to loss of condition
<i>Nodular Worm (Oesophagostomum spp.)</i>	Poor Immunity formed	Sows	'Thin Sow Syndrome'
<i>Whip Worm (Trichuris suis)</i>	Inflammation of Large intestine	All ages	Mucoid haemorrhagic diarrhoea
<i>Lungworm (Metastrongylus apri)</i>	Inflammation of the airways	Growing animals – Outdoors	Marked cough
<i>Threadworm (Strongyloides ransomi)</i>	Enteritis	Pre weaning	Pre weaning scour

### Monitoring

1. Worm egg counts – Useful for sow eggs and should be performed on a quarterly basis as part of your quarterly visit.
2. Abattoir Monitoring – Feedback as milkspot on your abattoir reports
3. Blood Sampling – Used for Ascarids only, useful when pigs are coughing in the early grower stages.

### Management

1. All in All out accommodation where possible
2. Cleaning and disinfection between batches with DEFRA approved disinfectants at the right concentration and volume
3. Structured worming protocol based on clinical evidence utilizing water, feed or individual treatment as required.

More detail on worming strategies can be found below, but as always this should be discussed with your vet

<https://www.ruma.org.uk/anthelminitics-in-pigs/>

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