

# January 2026 NEWSLETTER Welcome



## Vet Partners Vet of the Year Award



**We are thrilled to tell you that our very own Mel Julian has been praised for her outstanding dedication, leadership and commitment after being named VetPartners Vet of the Year.**

Whilst successfully completing her CertAVP in Cattle (Certificate in advanced veterinary practice; a further qualification, equivalent to a Masters). Mel provided great support to Alex and the leadership team whilst Jessica was off on maternity leave, helping to maintain the practice's high standard of service and care.

As well as being there for patients, clients and team members, Mel also made significant contribution to the VetPartners Farm Clinical Board. VetPartners Farm Director Ian Cure, who presented the award, said: "Mel has demonstrated outstanding dedication, leadership and commitment this year. She took on many additional responsibilities, such as guiding the practice's farm support team through team changes, supporting a pregnant colleague by taking on extra on-call duties and handling a challenging caseload. She also found time to work on important projects such as the VetPartners Caesar audit of cattle."

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### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year, we hope you managed to enjoy the festive period (around farming).

We are extremely grateful for all your support over the past 12 months and look forward to working with you in 2026.

### Flock Club Meeting

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February, 6:30 arrival for a 7pm start. This meeting will be held on farm.

We will be discussing fluid therapy and peri-lambing management of ewes. This meeting has been kindly sponsored by Nimrod. Please contact us to book your place and for more details on the location.

**Alba will be back with the team in February after her maternity leave. We are sure you are looking forward to welcoming her back just as much as we are!**



## Ovine Pregnancy Toxaemia (Twin-Lamb Disease)

This is a serious metabolic condition that affects ewes in late pregnancy, most commonly during the final 4-6 weeks before lambing. It occurs when the ewe is unable to meet her energy demands, leading to dangerously low blood glucose levels and the production of ketones.

Risk factors:

- Ewes carrying multiple lambs
- Underfed or overfat ewes
- Poor quality forage or sudden dietary change
- Stress (housing, transport, bad weather, lameness)
- Concurrent disease, causing reduced appetite

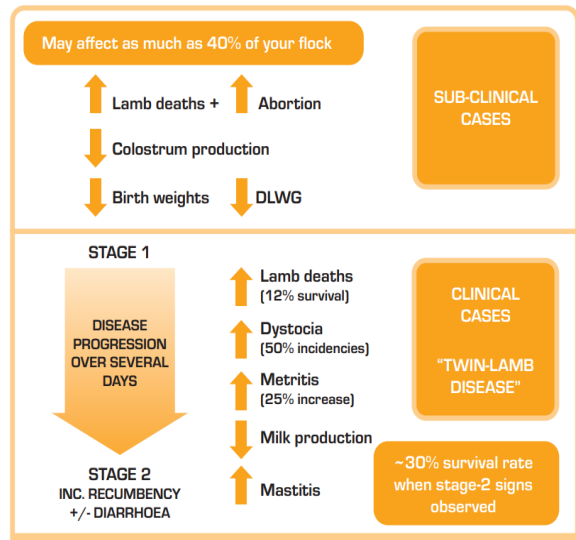
Early signs are often subtle but can progress rapidly. They include dullness, separation from the flock, reduced appetite, trembling or muscle twitching, staggering, blindness or head pressing, recumbency and coma in advanced cases.

Treatment involves correcting the glucose levels, maintaining hydration and encouraging eating. To correct the glucose levels oral drenches containing propylene glycol and/or glycerol are required. Selekt re-ewe-venate is a combination product containing both glycerol and propylene glycol which has been shown to be more effective as glycerol provides faster correction of low glucose than propylene glycol alone. Prompt treatment of cases is essential to avoid permanent brain damage from the low glucose levels.

As always prevention is better than cure and correct pre-lambing nutrition can minimise the disease. Regular body condition scoring can help avoid thin/fat ewes and guide feeding to condition as well as lamb numbers.

### Impacts of clinical and sub-clinical pregnancy toxaemia

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