

QUARTERLY UPDATE

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A very warm welcome to our new vet...Suzy Brown!



After graduating from Nottingham University in 2014 and a brief spell completing a poultry internship in Devon, Suzy moved to Shropshire and worked across the broiler, layer and game sectors until 2019. A move back to her home county of Cumbria provided an opportunity for Suzy to work within an Agri-Tech business that focused on innovating ways of collecting and analysing real-time data from poultry houses, to improve the health and welfare of broilers. Marriage and a young family had Suzy work briefly in a local practice focusing solely on small animals. Suzy's passion for flock health and a more holistic approach to veterinary medicine saw her return to poultry practice and we are delighted to announce she joined Avivets in May 2022.



A quick roundup of events...

The general atmosphere was one of an overdue catchup and relief at being able to meet and greet with one another face-to-face. The poultry forums were very well attended and despite the recent challenges faced across the industry, the mood was determined to face these head-on. The fair provides the opportunity for innovation to be showcased, and there were plenty of technology types on offer; ways of accurately capturing and analysing performance data are ever increasingly popular. Making efficiencies to the poultry enterprise has to be key to any grower in the face of the current challenges.

Game Rearing 2022

Following a winter of an unprecedented number of Avian Influenza outbreaks across the UK, the country continues to be affected by the restrictions on importing game bird eggs and chicks from France, which is also suffering at the hands of bird flu. Large 'disease control zones' of over 500 AI outbreaks in France have engulfed several of the largest game farms that would normally export to the UK but cannot due to the UK's status as third country under EU law. This includes a 90 day quarantine period for any eggs imported after the lifting of Restriction Zones in France, which have still not been lifted and therefore effectively rules out the possibility of importation for this season.

The majority of Avivets' game farming clients have their own breeding stock which, so far this season, are performing well with the good weather and low disease pressure. We hope the good performance continues and that the issues surrounding Avian Influenza are resolved in time for next season. Our team are attending a number of events this summer to discuss AI in more detail. Will is presenting to the British

Veterinary Poultry Association in June, and Suzy is attending a workshop with the Poultry Health and Welfare Group in July.

Enterococcus Research Project

The Avivets team have been investigating a number of Enterococcus cases on broiler farms recently, which can result in significant lameness issues and high rejects at processing. The particular species of this bacteria causing concern is Enterococcus cecorum which is known to cause osteomyelitis, femoral head necrosis and spondylitis amongst other lesions. The Animal and Plant Health Agency, APHA, have now received funding for a project reviewing the clinical characteristics and pathology of this bacteria. If you have had issues with Enterococcal-related lameness recently, please get in touch to discuss how submitting samples to this project may help with the longer term management and control strategies for Enterococcus, as well as identifying more information about the Enterococcus on your farm. In the meantime, Avivets are available to help review on farm control methods of Enterococcus including water sanitation, environmental disinfection, and probiotic supplementation.



WARM WEATHER HAS ARRIVED

Help your birds maintain optimum levels of hydration

The warm weather is here and Avivets invites you to consider the use of “Solulyte” to support your birds through potential heat stress by helping them maintain optimum levels of hydration. Stress from warm weather can cause significant production and mortality problems, especially where birds are not acclimatised. Encouraging your birds to drink more helps to keep them calm, but it is important to use an electrolyte solution such as Solulyte, to avoid the side-effects of excessive water intake. Solulyte is highly palliative, and this encourages birds to take on water. It also contains essential salts such as sodium, potassium and magnesium which are required by the bird to maintain metabolic function including appropriate levels of hydration. If you would like to discuss in more detail, or place an order, please **contact us** and our team will be happy to help.

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New Product Alert

Avistim *Liquid Complementary Feed for Poultry*

Avivets are pleased to introduce a new prebiotic supplement, Avistim. The prebiotic contains a blend of essential oils, digestible energy, vitamins and trace elements to help support the natural defences, vitality and appetite of all poultry species. Avistim is recommended to be administered for 3-5 days at a time, at a rate of 250ml/1000 litres of drinking water around critical periods such as feed transitions, vaccination or thinning, and is available in 5 litre drums. Avistim is available at an introductory price of £39.95 per 5L drum for orders of 8 for the duration of June and July. Please **contact us** for more information.



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