



Newsletter December 2021

Updates:



Christmas opening hours: The office will be closed from 12pm on Christmas Eve until 4th January. The on call vet will be available throughout this period for phone consultations, post mortems, visits and to dispense medications etc as required. Please phone the duty vet on the practice number: 01845 578710. As always, a vet will be available 24 hours a day for emergencies.

Please note that the **Salmonella testing lab** has now moved sites, the new address is: Newbridge Scientific, Newbridge Industrial Estate, Cliftonhall Road, Edinburgh, EH28 8TP. If you have any pre-paid envelopes left with the old address on please return them to us and we will exchange them.

Avian Influenza:

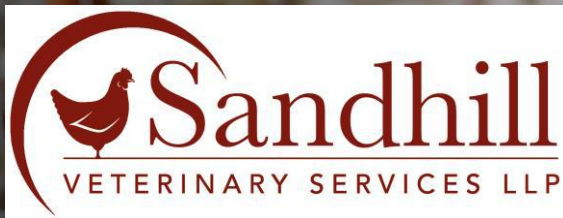
Please be aware that if you are in a protection or a surveillance zone you will need a license to move poultry, eggs, poultry meat, carcasses, litter and manure both off and onto site. General licenses for the movement of Salmonella samples for testing, poultry carcasses for disposal and table eggs are available on the government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu-cases-and-disease-control-zones-in-england#licences>

Movement of birds requires an application for a specific license. The application form (EXD100) is also available on the above website. Usually the license stipulates that a veterinary inspection is required before the birds are moved, we are of course happy to provide this service as necessary.

Please do let us know if you are having any trouble with the license process and we will endeavour to help. Unfortunately, the APHA licencing team are extremely busy currently and so licenses are taking a long time to come through, please apply for licenses in good time.





NEW FOR 2022

Biosecurity and thorough cleaning and disinfection are of course always extremely important but never more so than in the current Avian Influenza outbreak. To ensure we are giving our clients the best possible advice we have partnered with Biolink/Lanxess to produce gold standard cleaning and disinfection programmes for broiler, layer and pullet sites.

A complimentary consultancy service is available so these plans can be tailored to fit the specific needs of your farm based on past disease challenges. Please do phone and speak to Dan or Laura if you would like further information. We are now a Biolink distributor and are therefore able to supply their products at competitive prices.



Once we are out of the AI risk season we are planning to offer a visits package at a reduced rate so that we can really get to know your site over a number of visits and work with you to resolve any problems that arise or investigate performance issues.

For layer sites this will include the placement and analysis of ten red mite traps in one shed (FOC), which will help to quantify the burden and therefore guide management.

More details to follow in the spring!



We would like to wish all our clients a very happy Christmas and we look forward to working with you all in 2022!

