

Medications sent on carrier and by the post

During the game bird season many clients need medication to be sent either on carrier or through the post.

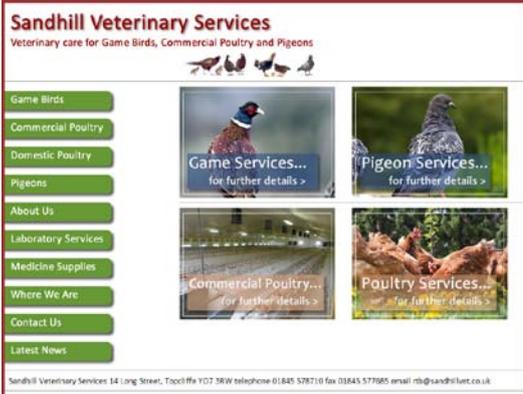
It is important that we receive orders as early in the day as possible if the medication is to be sent out the same day.

The latest cut-off time for us to prepare parcels to go on the carrier is 12 noon (weekdays only) as the last collection by the carrier may be shortly after this time.

The latest cut-off time for us to prepare parcels for the post is 3.30pm weekdays and 10.00am on Saturdays. Orders received after these cut-off times will normally go on the next day's service.

New Website

Work is progressing on our new practice website. It will hopefully be easier for clients to navigate and easier for us to keep it up to date. The website is being designed for us by Andy Shipley of ashburn-it, a company based near Coxwold.



Dispensing drugs under cascade principles.

As there are few drugs specifically licensed for use in game birds, most antibiotics, anti-coccidials and wormers given via the water system are prescribed on what is known as the 'cascade system'. This means the drugs have not specifically been tested on game birds and there is a statutory 28 day withhold time between administration and slaughter.

This season we will require all clients to sign a new consent form (available from the practice) before we are able to supply their medications.

WATER CONSUMPTION

Some clients have water meters that allow them to accurately know the daily water intake of their birds. This not only helps when it comes to medicating birds to allow the accurate administration of drugs but it is also helpful in assessing flock health as sudden variations in water intake can, in the absence of an obvious cause such as weather changes, often signify a health problem in the flock.

We use the following consumption tables to calculate medication required if accurate water intake figures are not available.

Consumption per 100 birds:

| Age | Pheasants | | Red-legged Partridges | |
|------------------|-----------|-------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Litres | Pints | Litres | Pints |
| Few days | 1.0 | 1.75 | 0.5 | 1.0 |
| 3 wks | 3.0 | 5.25 | 1.5 | 2.5 |
| 4 wks | 4.0 | 7.0 | 2.0 | 3.5 |
| 5 wks | 5.5 | 9.5 | 2.75 | 5.0 |
| 6wks | 6.0 | 10.5 | 3.0 | 5.25 |
| 7 wks | 6.5 | 11.5 | 3.25 | 5.75 |
| 8 wks | 7.0 | 12.5 | 3.5 | 6.0 |
| 9 wks | 7.5 | 13.5 | 3.75 | 6.5 |
| 12 wks | 8.0 | 14.0 | 4.0 | 7.0 |
| Adult hen in lay | 20.0 | 35.0 | 10.0 | 17.5 |

NOTE: Water intake varies according to the strain of birds, the rearing conditions and climatic conditions. These tables can only give an approximate guide to water intake.

2014 MacFarlane Pheasants Seminar

MacFarlane Pheasants is hosting their bi-annual Pheasant Seminar from 1 March to 7 March 2014. There will be a wide range of speakers and if you are able to arrange to attend there is something of interest for everyone concerned with pheasant rearing. As in prior years, they are opening up the farm as well and giving extensive tours of all areas of the farm including the newly constructed Grey partridge brooding building and covered pens.

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