



Award Show and Dinner



News

British Farm Media Association (NFMA) members gathered for the annual awards ceremony at the Grosvenor Hotel in London on 14th November 2023.

The NFMA awards ceremony is an important event for the industry and a chance for members to celebrate their achievements. The awards are presented to members who have made significant contributions to the industry in a variety of areas, including journalism, editing, and production. The awards are presented to members who have made significant contributions to the industry in a variety of areas, including journalism, editing, and production.

The awards ceremony is a great opportunity for members to network and share their experiences. It is also a chance for members to celebrate their achievements and to be recognized for their hard work.

Members who were awarded a trophy at the awards ceremony were: **Best Journalist** - [Name], **Best Editor** - [Name], **Best Production** - [Name].

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Year	Year 2023	Year 2022
2023	100	95
2022	95	90
2021	90	85
2020	85	80
2019	80	75
2018	75	70
2017	70	65
2016	65	60
2015	60	55
2014	55	50
2013	50	45
2012	45	40
2011	40	35
2010	35	30
2009	30	25
2008	25	20
2007	20	15
2006	15	10
2005	10	5
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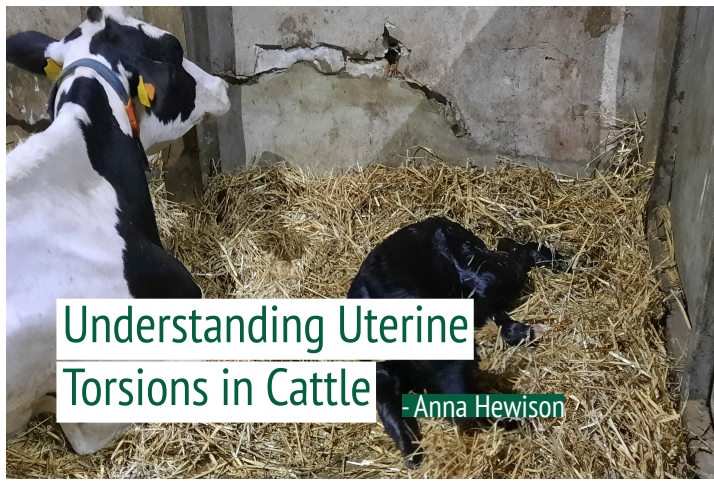
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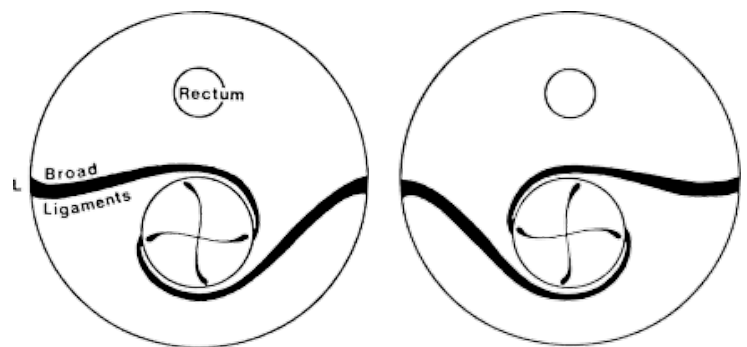
Understanding Uterine Torsions in Cattle

- Anna Hewison

In the last month I have seen 5 uterine torsions which has prompted me to do some research. A recent study found that up to 22% of dystocia's attended by vets were torsions, and the overall incidence of torsions in UK Holstein Friesians is 0.24% (Lyons et al., 2012). Twisting normally occurs during 1st stage or early 2nd stage labour when the pregnant horn rotates over the non-pregnant horn, most commonly in an anti-clockwise direction. The twist can vary between 90 degrees and 360 degrees. A definitive cause is unknown; however, it has been found that cows are at greater risk than heifers and twins are less of a risk (Aubry et al., 2008). At full term the uterus lies on the abdominal floor and is relatively unstable. When a cow lies down or stands up the uterus becomes suspended by the cervix in the abdominal cavity. It is thought that the combination of increased calf movements during 1st stage labour and a sudden slip, fall or knock by another cow could cause the unstable uterus to twist. Other potential influences are a small non-pregnant horn, decreased amounts of foetal fluid, reduced rumen volume and a large calf.

One of the greatest influences on success is whether the calf is alive or dead as it is easier to correct a torsion with a live calf. Quickly spotting cows with a uterine torsion will have a better chance of a successful outcome as a twisted uterus has its blood flow interrupted so it becomes fragile. Cows will generally be uncomfortable and shifting but will not always start pushing or show any membranes at the vulva. When examining the cow, you generally find that your arm is pushed to the left or right hand side and the calf can be hard to reach or upside down.

There are several methods to correct a torsion – manual untwisting, rolling the cow, detorsion rod and c-section. It is important to remember that after untwisting a torsion the cervix is often not fully dilated, therefore we need to be very careful with vaginal delivery of the calf. A study found that the next lactation culling rate of cows who had a torsion was 57%, with over half of these due to infertility (Lyons et al., 2013), however more research needs to be done into longer term outcomes.



180° RIGHT TORSION

180° LEFT TORSION



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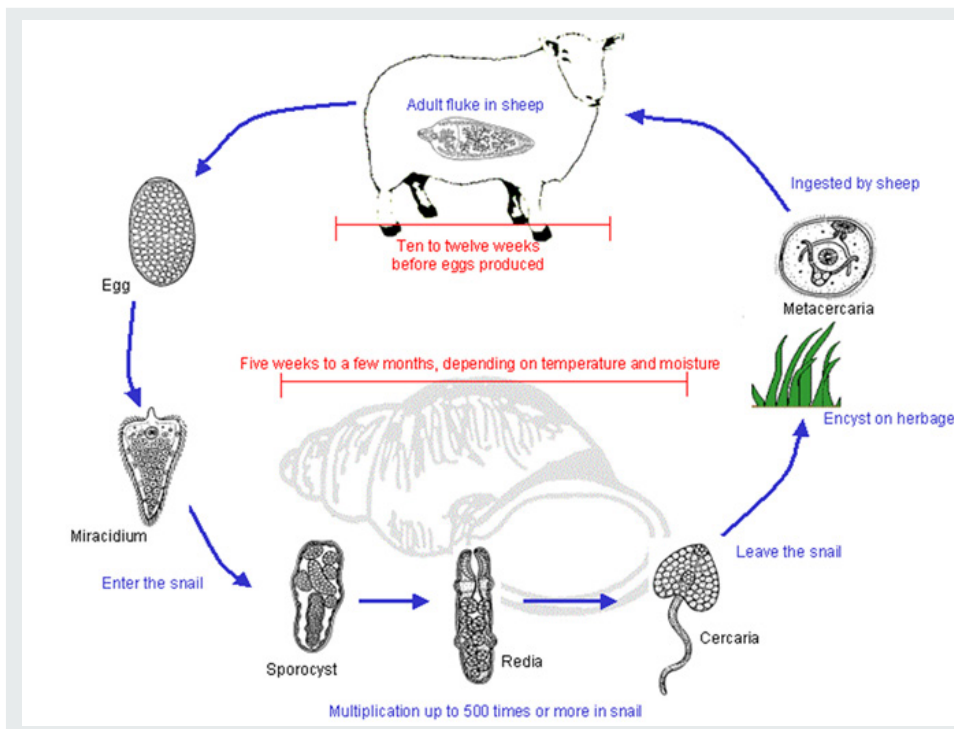


Defending Livestock: Battling the Complex Life Cycle of Liver Fluke

As a wet July/August ends, we will now start to look ahead to winter. This time of the year is where fluke starts to come to the forefront of farmers and vet's minds alike. It is a parasite which is ideally suited to the English Autumn and Winter, as it loves wet ground.

The life cycle of Liver Fluke is complex.

The signs of chronic fluke are condition loss for all ruminants, poor fertility/milk production in dairy cows, weak calves & high perinatal deaths in spring calving herds and bottle jaw in sheep. Acute infections can cause sudden death, it is usually only in sheep that we see signs of Acute Disease. If you notice any of these, please get in contact with the office or your vet.



There are multiple different tests we can use to identify a fluke problem at various stages of disease. One of the most sensitive tests is postmortem inspection, by vets or in the abattoir. We can also send faecal or blood samples to the lab. At different times of year, depending on stage of the Liver Fluke life cycle, we might suggest different types of testing. If fluke is diagnosed or causing clinical signs in your herd, it would be beneficial to treat.

With blanket treatment common, we are trying to make more sustainable decisions and try to reduce our worming/fluke treatments. This is key to ensure we have effective products available for when we need them most. Diagnosing a fluke burden before treatment is gold standard before any treatment is given.

For a ruminant to become infected, it must ingest herbage with the immature fluke stage on it. The mud snail generally spends most of its time on boggy ground or near water courses. A good method of prevention, therefore, is to fence off any areas like this to reduce snail-ruminant contact.

A key point about the fluke life cycle is the delay in development into adults once ingested by the ruminant. It takes about 6-8 weeks for the adults to form in the bile duct. Therefore, the immature fluke ingested can cause disease if in high enough numbers usually around late summer to autumn. The adult fluke develops and cause disease in winter and early spring.

If a fluke burden has not been diagnosed but the history and clinical signs all fit the fluke checklist, then a discussion with your vet is crucial to ensure the correct product is used. Triclabendazole products are the only product which treat immature fluke. We need to ensure we protect this medication and use it sustainably. In a chronically infected animal, other products should be used. As with all worming or fluke products, using combination products when not required will only predispose to resistance. Resistance does occur and is likely to become more prevalent on farms in the future if sustainable practices aren't followed.

- Harry Connock

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Shepton Top 10

Supporting Brighton health organisations

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