



Half way through the year already!

After multiple setbacks it looks like we may have some normality at last and we are delighted to confirm that Garth will be attending the **Drifffield Show** this year, both days.

We will be taking all the necessary COVID precautions to keep everyone safe, whilst still offering you a chance to take the weight of your feet, relax, and enjoy a drink (or two) and a chat.

Please look us up – we will be in our usual spot – **stand U345. We Look forward to seeing you.**

Solutions From HIPRA For Life After Zinc.

As we are all aware, the ban on the use of Zinc Oxide (ZnO) is edging ever closer and while we are living in uncertain times there is maybe a lesson we can take from the COVID-19 pandemic: "Screen To Stay Clean!". The time to be screening our herds is now!



Why? By screening your farms you can get a good understanding of what could be happening (after removing ZnO) and give you time to adapt and implement any changes whether they are management, nutritional or preventive with a vaccine.

Zinc Oxide controls digestive microbiota preventing the overgrowth of damaging types of E.coli such as Verotoxin strains. Hence without therapeutical levels of ZnO we can expect to see old diseases like Oedema start to re-emerge and by screening you can start to get ahead of the game.

How? HIPRA has an easy-to-use cost-free diagnostic tool called VEROCHECK® which consists of collecting oral fluid from ropes, then transferring it to a safe sample submission



cardboard to be posted in a flat envelope. The samples are shipped to Hipra's DIAGNOS laboratories where a PCR will be performed to see if *E.Coli* is naturally present there have the verotoxin virulent factor. (The bacteria is spread by feco-oral contact).

When? The time is now and the diagnostic results will give you a good indication of the presence and the level of predominance of Verotoxigenic *E.Coli*. You can then either take action or take it into consideration in the future when changes are required. If you and your vet ultimately decide that vaccination is required, HIPRA have an Oedema vaccine called VEPURED® which can be administered IM with a 1ml dose that can easily be integrated into management routines.

Flu Vaccinations

Remember: Safeguard your people and your pigs – now is the time to look into flu vaccinations for your team!

NPA 6-point plan for professional pig keepers

We would like to draw your attention to the 6-point plan overleaf, which the NPA have kindly given us permission to reproduce for you.

6 POINT PLAN FOR PROFESSIONAL PIG KEEPERS	
1	PIGS Make sure they have all they need at all times (access to feed, water and dry lying area) and any sick pigs are isolated and treated accordingly
2	STAFF Handle pigs with care and respect at all times (including fallen stock)
3	FALLEN STOCK Ensure all dead pigs/tails/afterbirth are disposed of as soon as possible and locked away, do not leave dead pigs in passageways overnight
4	EQUIPMENT All vet meds, syringes, clippers, cauterisers etc must be put away and secured when not in use
5	PAPERWORK Anything identifiable to the farm or supply chain must be locked away, including diaries
6	SECURITY Night time routine should be lights off, doors locked/bolted, cameras on

PROFESSIONAL PIG KEEPERS PUT THE PIGS NEEDS FIRST



Altresyn® App by Ceva Animal Health



Ceva Animal Health has launched the Altresyn® app, a tool for helping farmers manage their gilt synchronisation. The app is available from both the App Store and Google Play Store. Users need to create an account with the farm details and can then use the De Luxe section to calculate the number of gilts to synchronise in each batch.

The app should be used to set up and track batches of gilts while on Altresyn® treatment. "Once the batches are created, a to-do-list' is generated by the app that shows the tasks for today and the coming days. This makes keeping track simple and the information can be viewed by multiple people on the farm on different mobile devices," the company said. Email batch information can be kept for farm records and future reference, while alarms can be set up as a reminder to give the treatment. Other app features include a troubleshooter and gilt management pages.

You can watch Emma explain how to download and use the app by scanning the

barcodes below, using the camera on your phone.



1. Introduction and downloading the Altresyn®



2. Setting up a batch



3. Additional features

Meet the Team

And now it is time for you all to meet our talented Marie who will tell you a little about herself:

Hi, my name is Marie and I've been part of the team at Garth as a PA for nearly 4 years. I'm married with two grown up children and 5 grandchildren, I have 5 cats and a Rottweiler called Diesel (the biggest softy you will



ever meet). My passions/hobbies over the years have been mainly to do with animals/wildlife and their welfare, which then took me in the direction of photography. Over a 6-year period I have been lucky enough to win awards with the Guild of Photographers in their Photographer Of The Year competitions and be published in magazines which included Countryfile, World of Animals and more recently Viajes National Geographic magazine in Spain.

I am a very keen gardener and try to grow as many plants for my garden as I possibly can squeeze in. I enjoy arts & crafts; I like to while away the hours by painting my pots & planters etc., and listening to a variety of music. When we are able to travel, I like to visit our friends in North Spain and explore the regions.