

# Farm Animal Services

## Farm Animal Practice



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# Welcome to the Dick Vet Farm Animal Practice (FAP)

The Dick Vet Farm Animal Practice (FAP) is a first opinion practice providing veterinary care for all farm animal species.

Our farm animal veterinary services cover Edinburgh, The Lothians, Borders and other surrounding areas. We offer a full range of clinical services as well as 24 hour emergency cover all year round.

Our dedicated team of farm animal vets have a wealth of wide ranging clinical experience, holding postgraduate qualifications in a variety of areas. The majority of our staff are recognised as RCVS Advanced Practitioners in either sheep or cattle.

FAP vets will treat all farm animal species, but can also provide specialist knowledge and advice for less common species.

As part of the Dick Vet we have a responsibility for training the next generation of practicing veterinary surgeons, therefore undergraduate veterinary students often accompany vets on calls.

# Services Provided

Our team of vets can provide a complete first opinion veterinary service for all farm animal and livestock enterprises, including:

- **Herd and Flock Health Planning**
- **Pregnancy diagnosis and routine fertility examination**
- **Diagnosis and treatment of sick and injured animals**
- **Bull and Ram Breeding Soundness Examination**
- **Routine management procedures** – including disbudding/ dehorning, castrations etc
- **Cattle foot trimming** - including use of our own foot trimming crush which is suitable for bulls
- **Nutritional advice** - including blood sampling for metabolic profiles
- **Worming and Fluke programmes/Faecal egg counts** – including reduction tests and resistance testing
- **Housing assessments and management advice**
- **Biosecurity and isolation facility assessment and advice**
- **Access to full laboratory services** – including disease testing
- **Health Scheme testing and membership advice** - including BVD and Johnes's in cattle, and MVV and EAE in sheep
- **Official Veterinarian (OV) work** - including TB testing and import/export certification
- **Farmer meetings and regular newsletters** on a wide range of topical issues

In addition, we have access to facilities in the Farm Animal Hospital, where clients are able to bring animals in for further diagnostic procedures and treatment.



### **Specialist services**

We are able to provide a wide range of specialist services for our farm clients including:

- Nutritional advice and metabolic profile blood sampling
- Farm level disease control investigations and testing
- Herd/Flock mobility scoring, lameness control and prevention
- Mastitis investigations and testing
- Data interpretation and record analysis
- Post-mortem and infectious disease testing through organisations such as SAC Veterinary Services, APHA or Biobest



## **Referral services**

As well as providing a full range of farm animal veterinary services to farm clients in the South East of Scotland, we are also able to provide referral services to farmers and private veterinary surgeons in Scotland and the North of England.

This work can involve farm visits, as well as individual animals that are referred to the Dick Vet Farm Animal Hospital. We can also provide second opinion consultations on insurance cases.



As well as providing veterinary services to traditional farm clients, we recognise that many clients have small numbers of farm animals, and that they might require individual animal attention and assistance. We are able to provide advice and assistance on routine management procedures such as foot trimming, disbudding of calves, drenching and lambing assistance. We can also offer advice on the management, housing and feeding requirements for farm animal species.

If you have any questions regarding our farm animal services, please contact the Farm Animal Practice Reception. All of our vets are happy to discuss your needs and provide estimates for work.



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