Disease Alert November 2017

- Wooden tongue and Lumpy jaw
- Respiratory disease in sheep

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Wooden Tongue and Lumpy Jaw

- Sporadic bacterial mouth problems
- Wooden tongue
 - Actinobacillus ligieresii
- Lumpy jaw
 - Actinomyces bovis
- Gain entry through small wounds



Wooden Tongue and Lumpy Jaw



- Difficulty eating
- Wooden tongue
 - Drooling, swelling under chin, rapid weight loss
- Lumpy jaw
 - Facial distortion
 - Draining fistulas

Wooden Tongue and Lumpy Jaw

- Wooden tongue may respond to prompt antibiotic treatment
- Lumpy jaw carries guarded prognosis
- Spikey feeds should be avoided if possible

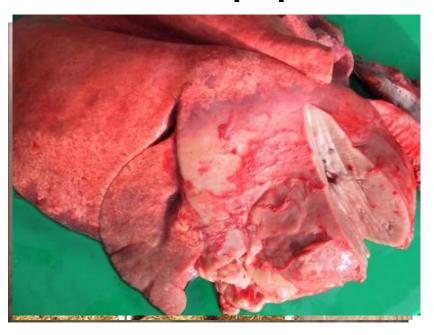


Pasteurellosis (shipping fever)

- Caused by Mannheimia haemolytica
- Acute onset respiratory distress, fever and lethargy
- Sudden death
- Good response to antibiotics
- Vaccines effective and can be given early



Sheep pulmonary adenomatosis



- Infectious viral disease causing lung tumours
- Long incubation period
- Exercise intolerance and fluid accumulation
- Secondary infection common
- No treatment need to cull affected individuals

Atypical pneumonia

- Infectious pneumonia due to a variety of organisms
- Signs usually mild
- Reduced growth rate with mild cough
- Incidental finding at post mortem
- Control similar to pneumonia in calves



Also keep an eye out for....

- Sheep scab
- Acorn poisoning



Jobs for November



- Identify reference heats for autumn calving herds
- Check raddle fit on rams

Thank you for watching

Please have a go at the clinical quiz!