

DAY ONE COMPETENCY



This Sheep Veterinary Society guidance is for a newly qualified veterinary surgeon wishing to carry out specific tasks on their first day in mixed practice or farm animal practice when considering sheep. In principal, their "first day" at work because anything can happen! Realistically- probably their first week. "Day 1" competence will be a reflection of their undergraduate education. It does not take into account the individuals knowledge that may have been enhanced by their specific interest in sheep, their EMS or their background.

UNDERSTAND AND DISCUSS

- Stratified system, rudimentary knowledge of the industry
- Breeding cycle of the ewe and how it fits into the farm
- Ram management - use of teaser
- Artificial breeding techniques
- Feeding of all classes of sheep - priority of the in lamb ewe
- Health planning - Red Tractor / Assurance Schemes
- Prescribing and the Cascade
- Welfare and use of NSAIDS
- Vaccination protocols - clostridial / pasteurella vaccines & abortion vaccines
- Antimicrobial use - antimicrobial resistance
- SCOPs principals
- Principals of lameness control- understand the 5 point plan
- Zoonosis
- Trace elements in sheep
- Iceberg diseases - monitoring schemes
- Scrapie - testing
- Ability to access cephalic vein
- Investigation of poor performance in lambs and ewes

UNDER SUPERVISION

- Amputate toe
- Flush infected joint
- Investigate flock lameness problem
- Vasectomy
- Electro-ejaculate ram

DEEMED AS TOO SPECIALIST

- Aural haematoma
- Tail amputation
- Castration of lambs
- Repair new born umbilical hernia
- Prolapsed rectum, reduce and suture, amputation. Advise on management
- Urolithiasis- penis examination

