



CHESHIRE FARM VETS

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Helpline: 0800 188 4444

Website: www.rabi.org.uk

Farming Community

Do you have stock you'd like to sell? Do you offer relief milking and want to advertise?

We will save a small slot for our farming community to advertise in our newsletter each month, so please send in your articles or adverts and exact words to susie.wain@cheshirefarmvets.com

Fly Control

Don't forget we stock all the following fly control products.

Please call the office if you need any products or any prices.



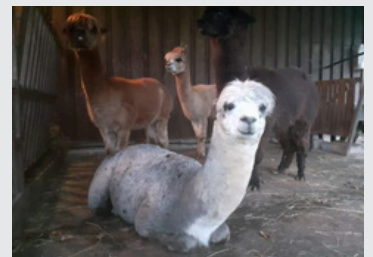
Castration in the Alpaca

Besides cows and sheep, at Cheshire Farm Vets we also do camelid visits.

The most recent visit one of our vets performed was to go and do castration of some alpacas. Castration of males decreases the testosterone levels and can prevent unwanted behaviours in small groups. In the UK gelded males are very popular as pets. We advise to castrate your alpacas at approximately 18 months old, when they are fully grown. The procedure can also be performed when older too.

In advance of castration the animal should be fully vaccinated against tetanus and other clostridial diseases. Vaccination protocols usually include two injections 4-6 weeks apart with a booster every 6 months. Before castration it would be good to withhold water and food for 12 hours to prevent regurgitation (in case we use a 'light' sedation). A penicillin based antibiotic and pain relief will be given at the visit.

The procedure can be done standing, placing a bale between the fore and hind limbs which allows clear visualisation of the surgical field. Other restraining techniques might be used. Local anaesthetic can be given into the testicle and the skin where the incision will be on each side of the scrotum. After a sterile clip and prep of the area, the testicles will be removed. The vet will ligate the cords each side and leave the scrotum open. No tissue should protrude out of the incision site. Topical antibiotic spray can be applied and in hot weather fly treatment is recommended.



After the castration it is recommended to keep the alpaca in a clean environment and to monitor closely for any signs of bleeding ('a countable drip is ok, a stream is not'), tissue hanging out of the wound and any other signs of being lethargic. Call the practice immediately if any of the above occurs or if you are concerned on 01270 310 010.



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We had a great day out at Cheshire Show.

Thank you to all our clients and friends for coming and visiting us at the show.

It was a little wet on Tuesday at the show, so we seized the opportunity to raise a bit of money for RABI by asking for £5 donations for our branded umbrellas. We managed to raise £100 in just a couple of hours!

