



Leading Poultry Vets Join Forces Under PHS Brand

We are delighted to announce that Poultry Health Services, Minster Poultry and Gamebird Vets, and Retford Poultry Partnership are joining forces under the one name Poultry Health Services (PHS).

Poultry is one of the most innovative sectors in modern agriculture and the Origin group recognises its responsibility to ensure the sector is serviced by a modern, efficient and forward thinking veterinary service. The needs of all poultry producers, from domestic poultry keepers, to commercial meat and egg production, through to the science-led breeding and hatchery sector, have changed. PHS, as a dedicated modern veterinary service provider, has developed to meet the individual needs of all producers. No longer can a vet dictate how and what service they provide – all producers deserve a bespoke service, tailor-made to each client and the departments within their business. This is the key to success.

Our clients are our primary focus. The merger brings together leading poultry vets, lab teams and experienced practice support which will allow all clients to benefit from the combined strengths and expertise of each business, and provide access to the full range of dedicated support services.

Origin, our parent company, has recently appointed Stuart Hedley as Commercial Director of Poultry. Stuart will work alongside Veterinary Director of Poultry, Sara Perez DVM MSc Cert PMP MRCVS, to ensure that PHS offers unrivalled customer service and veterinary care. Stuart said "I am excited to join the Origin group to focus on the commercial aspects of the poultry business and to concentrate on differentiated customer service across the industry."

If you have any queries please speak to your usual vet or contact Stuart Hedley, Commercial Director at PHS, on 01904 488995.



Sara Perez

Veterinary Director of Poultry



Stuart Hedley

Commercial Director of Poultry

Evidence based service

- Services and support are evidence based and advice outcomes are monitored in order to deliver positive, and sustainable, production results
- Combined strength of cutting edge integrated poultry laboratories and the UK's leading production animal reference laboratory for accurate diagnosis and treatment
- Supported by senior consulting vets and an active research team
- Increased range of laboratory tests
- Reduced test turnaround time
- Online access to secure website for clients to check flock records, treatment records and laboratory test results
- Smart medicine sourcing and direct supply based on aggregate



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Poultry on the Piste Conference

Poultry on the piste is a long running conference on the slopes that takes poultry growers all around Britain skiing to share knowledge gain CPD (poultry passport) and have a great time. This year we are heading to Obertauern on the 3rd February 2018.

The conference consists of morning and evening lectures on health and economics which is followed by skiing, drinking, relaxing in the spa, good food in the lovely Hotel Steiner and sharing skills with other poultry producers. If interested please contact Isy Manning at isabel.manning@poultryhealthservices.com. A trip not to miss. All abilities of skiers welcome.

Game Health Update by Christian Blake-Dyke, Lead Vet for Game:

Well the season is well underway. We already have birds well settled in woods. Unfortunately Hexamita season hit early this year with affected birds seen early in June rather than the normal July kick off. The massive swings in temperature have been a real challenge. However we have also seen birds that have been presumed to have Hexamita but have only had enteritis. Enteritis is normally part of the syndrome we see in Hexamita and Trichomonas cases. It is the overgrowth of certain bacteria in the gut causing an imbalance in the gut bacterial flora that causes enteritis and the foamy and watery droppings that we see. Colour of droppings can naturally be very varied especially once birds have gone to wood and I always encourage keepers to be wary of assuming gut health problems by change in colour of faeces.

These enteritis problems can be treated easily with short courses of Amoxinsol but need to be diagnosed by post mortem so that the correct therapy is given.

We are also finding that supplements such as Hydrovit are proving very helpful at driving uptake of water and medication in sick birds. I recently had some partridge with Mycoplasma whose water consumption went up from 250 to 350 litres a day whilst on Denegard (a bitter antibiotic) with Hydrovit, which quite surprised me!



The Yorkshire Poultry Meat Producers Discussion Group is Back!

On the 28th September, Brian Kenyon (poultry nutritionist) will talk to us about prebiotics and probiotics in feed. This discussion will take place at the Bridge Inn, Wetherby. If you would like more information or to book a place, please contact Kaska Talpa on kaska.talpa@zoetis.com

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