



### **Agricure Probiotic: BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE**

PROBIO is one of our best selling products as an alternative to antibiotics. We have seen the best results when it is administered at one day old or following antibiotic treatment so that the likelihood of a further antibiotic treatment is reduced. This product is recommended as one of the interventions to put in place in farms where salmonella has been recovered in the past, as it helps to prevent re-infection by colonising the gut with “good bacteria”. It also improves intestinal health and reduces the risk of enteritis in broilers and turkeys.

**New Price of £60+VAT per 1 kg, one 1kg free with every purchase. Whilst stocks last.**

**Please note this product is short-dated and cannot be returned. To order please call 01347 820366**

### **Vet of the Month: Natalia Furman**

In August we welcomed a new Veterinary Intern– Natalia Furman.

Natalia finished her Veterinary studies in February this year, graduating from Wroclaw Environmental and Life Sciences University in Poland. Her 6 years of veterinary studies included 2 years at the University of Caceres in Spain and veterinary work in Belgium assisting poultry vets in the field. Natalia likes commercial poultry medicine with a special interest in free-range systems. Outside of work Natalia is passionate about photography and travel.



### **Blackhead in Poultry:**

In the last few weeks, we have seen increasing numbers of cases of Blackhead (also known as Histomoniasis) in free range laying chickens and turkeys. This has probably been the result of the intermittent rain and high temperatures at this time of the year.

Blackhead causes mortality, either by the damage that the parasite causes in the organs of the bird or by secondary infections. Keeping on top of worms is one way that Blackhead can be prevented. We recommend treating for worms every 6 to 8 weeks or more frequently if you had blackhead or previous history of worms in your farm. You can now treat in a very cost effective manner using Gallifen through the water system. Please contact us on 01347 820366 to order Gallifen or for advice on how to use it. Alternatively, we can perform faecal testing at our laboratory to look for the presence of caecal worm eggs to help you make informed decisions on your worming regime. We have also seen a promising preventative effect of Enteroguard on the farms where it has been used.

### **Staff member of the month:**

Sam is one of our Poultry Administrators and the Small Animal Veterinary Nursing Assistant at the PHS branch at Manor Court Veterinary Centre in Tarvin, near Chester. Sam has been with Manor Court for over 15 years. During that time she has successfully completed both an Animal Care and Veterinary Nursing Assistant course at Reaseheath College and has qualified as an SQP at Harper Adams College. Sam helps to keep the Poultry Practice at Manor Court running smoothly and is often on the phones speaking to clients. Sam lives on her parents’ beef farm in Cheshire with her husband and their pampered farm cat called Agnes.



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## Broiler and Layer accredited courses:

You can now join our popular broiler and layer accredited online courses.

These courses are only **£20 for clients** (£30 for non-clients) and you can print the training certificate at home.

You can do as much or as little as you want every day to fit with your day to day work, whilst making sure that you are compliant with the Red Tractor or Lion Code requirements for training.

If you would like to enrol on the courses, please contact us at any of the numbers below or log in on website: <http://farmiq.co.uk/courses/poultry/> and follow the instructions to join the courses.



## Water testing:

The laboratory are able to offer a variety of water tests including bacterial counts, pH, Chlorine testing and ORP levels. These tests are useful when looking at your water quality and can help to know whether the supply or drinker lines need cleaning. The lab offers a range of bacterial tests including a 'Total Viable Count', which will give you an overview of how contaminated the water is, as well as levels of potentially harmful bacteria such as Pseudomonas spp, Staphylococcus Aureus, Coliforms and E.coli. Please speak to one of the vets for recommendations on what might need testing and to request a water sampling kit from the lab. The vets will then be able to interpret the results and provide advice on water quality relating to bird health.



## Brexit and supply of vaccines and medicines:

We have received a number of questions regarding Brexit and how this will affect supplies of vaccines and medicines.

In preparation for Brexit, we are holding more stock locally, where practical, and the suppliers are holding at least three months stocks for us.

As you may be aware, animal medicines (like human ones) are being treated as a priority so there should be no issue. However, even in non-Brexit times we get some out of stock situations so we may still get circumstances when a vaccine/medicine is not available. In these cases, we will look for suitable alternatives in consultation with the specific clients that are affected.



## The Cycling World Championships are coming to Yorkshire this year.

### Between Sat 21 to Sun 29:

If you live in Yorkshire, whether you are a cyclist aficionado or not, you had better check the road ahead before getting into your car between Saturday 21st September and Sunday 29th September.

Races of different categories will be taking place during these days, with different starting and finishing points depending on the day and the category.

Luckily the roads in the vicinity of our branch in Sheriff Hutton are not going to be affected but it will be worth checking in advance, if you are planning to bring some birds for post-mortem or want us to pay you a visit. You will find the information of each route for every category and day on the below website: <https://worlds.yorkshire.com>

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