



Respiratory issues of lambs

Need/issue: Respiratory diseases of lambs and novice replacements

Aim: Reduce lamb mortality and permanent damage of lungs

How to implement:

- Reduce predisposing factors
- Plentiful straw bedding, avoid dusty haylage.
- Get replacements used to pasture gradually with complemented hay in the first couple of weeks.



Description:

- One of most common problems of indoor fatten lambs with sudden high temperature, hard breathing and drooling is respiratory pasteurellosis.
- Several predisposing factor can increase this issue, as crowdedness, high concentration of ammonium, lack of colostrum.
- This issue also can appear in replacement flocks when they are taken out to pasture and get sudden worm burden. Lungworms multiply and keep lung bronchi in inflammation.



Expected benefits:

Decrease losses, avoid permanent damage of lungs, as adhesion to the ribs.

Fortunately, if we can notice sick lamb in time, it can be healed completely with parenteral antibiotic and demulcent treatment.

Prerequisites and/or limits:

- Pasteurella vaccine
- Farm specific vaccine
- In replacement flocks with a high worm burden, farmer must apply antibiotic and anthelmintic treatment at the same time.

Country: Hungary

Dairy or/and meat sheep: Meat sheep

Category of Animal (ewe, replacement, lamb):

Lamb & replacement

Topic:

- Health
- Nutrition
- Management

Level of solution:

- Knowledge
- Practical

Source of information:

Own Experience

