Dear Vetlife client,

We are writing to you to alert you to a new disease syndrome that we are seeing on Canterbury and Otago dairy farms this season:

Salmonella Brandenburg abortions in mobs of heifers.

Typically we are hearing of this when a client reports that their heifers are calving and coming into milk but that they are having to physically calve many heifers and that many calves are born dead but are not particularly smelly or rotten. The heifers bag up, start to calve but don’t get on with it and when examined the calf is just sitting there.

Salmonella can affect people and on farms where it is active, anyone calving cows, dealing with sick cows, raising calves or drinking unpasteurised milk from the bulk tank is at risk. Pregnant women, the elderly, children and anyone on any form of immune suppressive therapy needs to be particularly careful.

An effective vaccine is available and vaccination in the face of a salmonella outbreak can help to damp down the abortions and reduce the duration of the infection in your herd. Talk to your Vetlife vet about your best options now and ongoing protection for your herd next season.

If you think this disease may be present on your farm, please contact your Vetlife vet. They can readily make the diagnosis from samples taken from freshly dead slips or neonatal calves.

If the disease is confirmed on your farm and if you or any of your staff develop diarrhoea, fever, abdominal cramps, consult your medical doctor and inform them that salmonella is present on the farm.

This is a tough season for all in the rural community and diseases like this don’t help. The good news is that effective measures are available to reduce its impact and the risk to you and your livelihood. If in doubt, please contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Adrian Campbell and Andrew Bates
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- Penclox
- Clavulox L.C.
- Intracillin injection and intramammary

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