

Caseous Lymphadenitis (CLA)



Simple pre-sale screening

Advertise stock as 'CLA tested clear'
to increase stock value

Three simple steps!

- One veterinary examination
- One blood test
- Isolation from blood test to sale (min 3 weeks)

Key Points about CLA

The disease:

- Infectious bacterial disease caused by *Corynebacterium pseudotuberculosis*.
- First detected in the UK in 1996.
- Now widespread among sheep and goats in all parts of the UK.
- A survey showed that 1 in 5 terminal sire flocks were infected.
- Infection has been found in hill and upland breeds.

Symptoms:

- The most common signs are visible swellings around the head & neck.
- CLA causes abscesses in lymph nodes and/or internal organs e.g. lungs.
- 1 in 3 infected animals may only have internal abscesses and do not show obvious external signs of CLA.
- Animals showing no visible signs can still pass on infection.

Transmission:

- CLA is often introduced by purchase of an infected animal, commonly rams.
- Disease can also be spread via infected equipment.
- Respiratory excretions and pus from abscesses spread infection between sheep.
- The bacteria can survive in the environment for a few months but can be killed by disinfectants.

Control:

- Prevention is better than cure!
- Quarantine purchased stock.
- Blood test them at least 3 weeks after purchase and before introduction to flock.
- No licensed vaccine in UK but Australian vaccine can be imported under special license.
- Blood testing and separation, or culling of infected animals will help to eradicate infection from infected flocks.

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