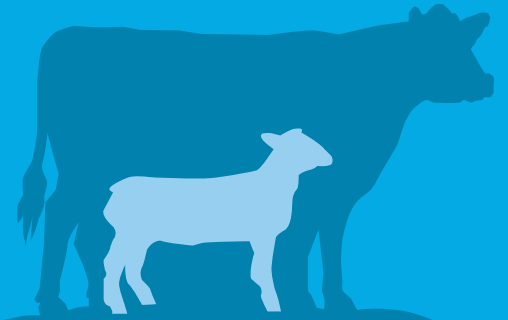




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Sheep & Beef UPDATE

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Franklin Vets Te Kauwhata:

An Exciting Expansion for Our Farming Community

Our Franklin Te Kauwhata Branch is thrilled to announce that our clinic renovations will be completed by the end of the year. This expansion will give us more space and new facilities, allowing us to offer a broader range of services with a focus on providing comprehensive care for our Working Dogs.

We know that a farmer's dog is more than a pet; they're essential members of the team, and their health is directly tied to the success of your operation. We've listened to you, our local farmers, and we recognise there's a gap in the market. We understand that your needs differ from those of regular owners and their pets, and we want to provide practical, working solutions. Our vets have worked on the farm teams themselves and have a firsthand understanding of the unique challenges and differing needs of a farming operation.

Comprehensive Services Tailored to Farmers

Our expanded clinic will be equipped to provide a comprehensive suite of services specifically tailored to the unique demands of farm life. We're able to offer more advanced surgical services, from routine procedures to complex orthopaedic operations. Our team understand the realities of farming, and our approach always balances top-tier care with practical, cost-effective solutions. We will discuss all your options with you so that you can make an informed decision without any surprises.

Accidents happen, and we know that every second counts to get these dogs seen in a way that is both convenient and efficient for you. We can provide emergency triage, drop-off, and phone consultation options, as we know our farmers are often time-poor or must travel significant distances to

clinics. We pride ourselves on providing immediate advice and hands-on treatment, helping you get your dog back on its feet working as quickly and safely as possible.

Our Partnership with You

At the Franklin Vets, we believe in a partnership approach to animal health. We don't just treat injuries; we offer advice and support to help you prevent them. Our team is always available to talk about nutrition, preventative care, and best practices for keeping your dogs in peak working condition.

This expansion is more than just new equipment and services; it's a testament to our commitment to the local farming community. We are passionate about supporting you and your hard-working



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dogs, and we look forward to welcoming you to our new Working Dog Centre.



Fracture repair of a broken radius and ulna, done by our Te Kauwhata team.

DAGI

(Drench & Grazing Integration) App



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DAGI began with veterinarian Ryan Luckman working with a farmer battling resistance, trying to determine which stock/drench had been used, where, and when. Knowing that 90% of worms are in the paddock, not in the animals, they drew maps to follow the resistant worms and the drench exposure across the farm.

But no one has time to redraw a map every time they move a mob or drench. And no one can constantly integrate the weather, humidity, temperature and all the other factors we know affect worm egg hatching.

But we DO have that information available to us if we have an interface that allows us to access it – e.g. an app.

With the help of industry experts and the support of B+LNZ, Ryan has been building the DAGI (Drench And Grazing Integration) app over the past year. We hope to launch it to our first group of Beta test farmers in November, and plan to test it for 6-12 months before full release.

DAGI displays the risk of larval challenge and resistance risk for the paddocks, and worm burden and resistance risk for the mobs. These are displayed in a traffic light system, which shows both the

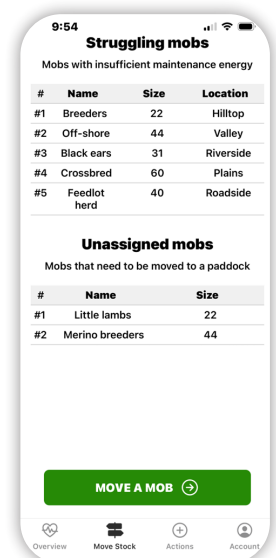
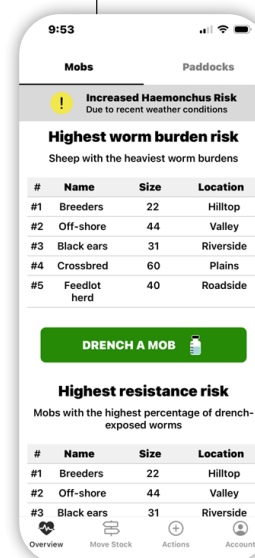
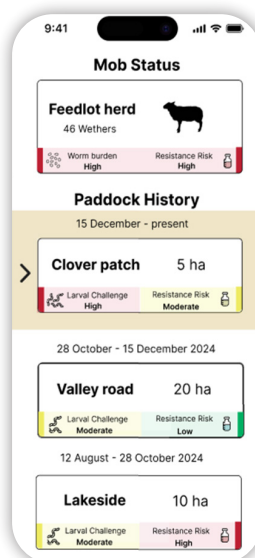
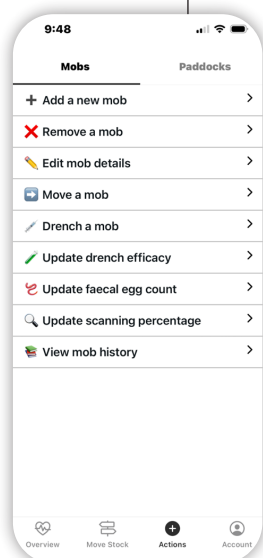
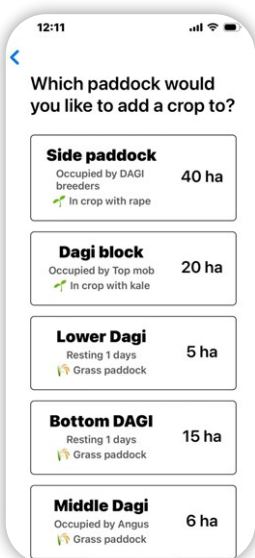


We are working with established farm management systems to integrate with their platforms, as we know that entering data more than once is not something any farmer has time for.

If you wish to know more, have a look at our website www.dagi.nz
Follow us on social media: Instagram @dagi.nz and Facebook @DAGI

current situation and the history of the mob or paddock, making it easy to review management decisions and inform future grazing choices.

For any questions or if you would like to be a Beta tester, please get in touch with your local Franklin Vets team.



Do Your Bulls Have a Warrant of Fitness for this Season?



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While cow fertility is front of mind during mating, bull fertility is often overlooked. Although completely infertile bulls are rare, even sub-fertile bulls can have a significant impact on the success of your mating period, resulting in more empty cows and a longer calving spread.

Fertility testing allows us to check that your bull team has the highest probability of being fertile for the upcoming mating season. It involves an assessment of the bull's physical health, reproductive capability and semen quality.

More specifically, testing includes:

1. Overall Physical Examination
2. Reproductive Organ Check Scrotal circumference is measured, accessory glands palpated, and the penis examined for any injuries or defects.
3. Semen Evaluation (Motility and Morphology)

Under a microscope, we check what percentage of sperm are swimming forwards (are they able to get to the egg) and what percentage of sperm are normal/abnormal (are they capable of fertilising the egg).



But if I just use more bulls, this will cover any infertile ones, right?

No, unfortunately, if the dominant bull in a mob is infertile or subfertile, this can significantly impact the success of your mating period. Furthermore, if you've spent the money to synchronise cows or heifers at the start of mating, all bulls need to have high fertility to see maximum benefit.

What facilities do we need?

We need a good crush where each bull can be safely restrained so we can perform a rectal examination and measure scrotal circumference. We also need access at the side of the crush so a sample can be collected, and the penis can be examined. Ideally, a sheltered area with power to set up the microscope. If this is not feasible, the microscope can be powered using our vet ute.

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Dog Runs

Our annual Dog Vaccination/Ram Palpation runs are coming up in October and November. Your local clinic will be contacting you regarding these – if you have not been on our run days in the past, make sure to give us a call so we can include you!

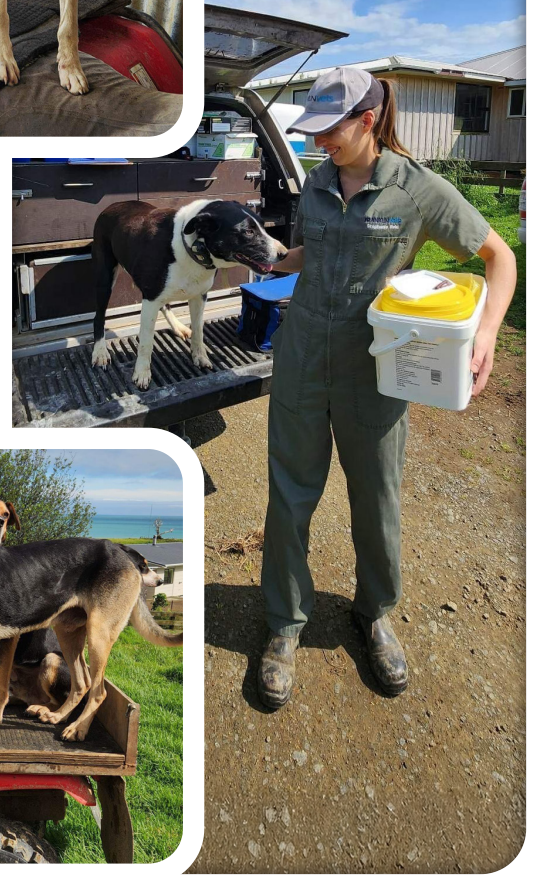
This year, we are also taking part in Massey University's "Right Dog for the Job" Research Project. The project aims to gain more information on the genetic makeup of working dogs using DNA sequencing to identify genetic markers for both disease and desirable traits. Longterm, it is hoped this research will help support breeding decisions, helping farmers and breeders improve the genetic health of their dogs.

We are looking for volunteers to take part in this study. Participants will receive a free genotype profile of their dog(s) as well as ongoing correspondence and information as the project evolves. For each dog, we need to collect either a blood sample or a cheek swab for DNA sampling, measure basic physical traits (body weight, height, etc.), and have the owner fill out a short survey on health, behavioural, and working attributes.



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This is a great opportunity for you and your dogs to have a meaningful impact on the future of working dogs in NZ. If you'd like to be involved, please let your local clinic know so we can allow time for this to be carried out on the day.



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