



Gwaredu BVD

Gwaredu BVD project – Terms and Conditions

By signing this declaration form the farmer/owner or person responsible (referred to as “the farmer” below) for the herd agree to the following:

1. I, the farmer, agree to allow the blood sampling of an appropriate number of cattle as decided by the attending Vet for BVD antibody testing.
2. The results from the tests carried out under this project will be made available by the testing laboratory to the Gwaredu BVD project.
3. Gwaredu BVD is a subsidised project
 - a. The youngstock screening test is free of charge and the farmer will be eligible for 1 test per year for up to 3 years if they join in the first year. If they join in years 2 or 3 then the maximum number of tests will be reduced on a pro rata basis.
 - b. For screened herds that are found to be positive an individual PI hunt will be subsidised. A maximum of £100 can be claimed for advice from the farms own Veterinarian and an additional £400 towards testing.
 - c. Applications for a secondary PI hunt if the first fails will be approved on an individual basis by the Gwaredu BVD technical Director. The value of this subsidy will be up to £500.
4. Gwaredu BVD will not be liable for injuries incurred by staff or animals as a result of handling or similar activities undertaken while sampling cattle in order to obtain blood samples.
5. The results from the blood samples will be made available to facilitate the purchase of BVD free animals on a freely accessible database according to the following schedule
 - a. Programme year 1 - No data made available at all
 - b. Programme year 2 – Farms with negative results published
 - c. Programme year 3 and onwards – all data published on the database.
6. It is expected that as a result of the information gained through this project that the farmer will act on advice to improve or protect his BVD status including but not limited to quarantine of new stock, PI removal, vaccination, improving fencing.





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7. The removal of PI animals is critical to the success of any on farm eradication programme. It is expected that farmers engaging in this programme will voluntarily send persistently infected animals to slaughter as soon as possible. Applications for funding to support secondary PI hunting will need to have slaughtered all Identified PI animals within 2 months of identification.
8. Gwaredu BVD may access BCMS data about the farm in order to manage the programme as effectively as possible.
9. Gwaredu BVD reserves the right to change these terms and condition as required.

