Veterinary Services
An Expert in Every Field

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SAC Consulting Veterinary Services

SAC Consulting Veterinary Services is part of SAC Consulting; a division of Scotland’s Rural College which provides advice and laboratory services to thousands of customers in the United Kingdom and worldwide.

The Veterinary Services team comprises experts in animal disease, diagnosis and surveillance. Our close links with research and development ensure that clients are kept up to date with the latest information. Our staff provide a practical approach coupled with strong scientific knowledge.

We employ over 25 veterinary surgeons who have the backing of some 100 scientific and support staff. We cooperate with AHVLA in providing national veterinary disease surveillance for DEFRA and the Scottish Executive and provide support for statutory control schemes. We identify new and emerging problems, monitor animal diseases as they affect domestic animal populations and provide veterinary expertise to CPD programmes.
We are proud to deliver a first class service

- **Animal Diagnostic Services / Veterinary Clinical Pathology**
  Laboratory support to veterinary practices, farmers and companion animal owners.

- **National Health Schemes for endemic disease**
  The provision of national health schemes for the sheep, goat, cattle and equine industries.

- **Health Planning**
  SAHPS - a user friendly, web based, health planning system for beef suckler herds and sheep flocks.

- **Analytical Services**
  Testing of soils, plants, silages, animal feeds, organic manures, waters etc.

- **Education and training including CPD courses and postgraduate research**
  Comprehensive programme of CPD courses for vets and information knowledge exchange for farmers.

- **Research and Development**
  Trials for the animal health industry.
Farm Animal Diagnostics

We offer competitive, quality assured tests and specialist advice to veterinary surgeons throughout the UK in the farm animal sector. We provide a rapid turnaround of test results with full interpretation either by telephone, fax, email or web portal so that you can be assured of a fast and efficient service.

Many of our veterinary surgeons have specialist qualifications, a broad knowledge of animal health and production supported by scientists and laboratory staff.

We have expertise in national livestock disease surveillance, which coupled with our research and development means that our clients are kept up to date with the latest developments in livestock health.

- Post Mortem Examination
- Clinical Biochemistry, Haematology
- Bacteriology, Virology
- Parasitology
- Serology
- Molecular Biology

Price list available at www.sac.co.uk

Capital Diagnostics

We provide a competitive fully interpreted, quality assured, accredited (UKAS ISO 17025 certification) clinical pathology/pathology service for companion animal species across the UK, offering diagnostic and prognostic support where applicable. We are available to discuss cases prior to or following submission of samples and results are reported promptly by fax, post, email and through our lab portal.

- Bacteriology, Parasitology, Virology
- Cytology, Histopathology, Post Mortem
- Clinical Biochemistry, Haematology, Endocrinology, Toxicology
- Serology
- Molecular Biology

Test list available at www.sac.co.uk
**Premium Cattle Health Scheme (PCHS)**

We work in partnership with vet practices and their clients to offer a cost effective programme of testing and management to control major endemic cattle diseases in both pedigree and commercial beef and dairy herds. PCHS is a CHeCS (Cattle Health Certification Standards) licensed health scheme provider.

Fully interpreted results are sent promptly to both vet and farmer. Test records are kept on a database to help clients keep track of testing data. We produce pre-printed bar-coded labels to eradicate transcription errors and make sampling on farm easier. We also send reminders when testing is due to make the management of multiple herd testing simpler.

Our expert team of vets are on hand to discuss results with the vet practice.

- Providing a programme of testing for BVD, Johne’s Disease, IBR, Leptospirosis and neospora.
- Preferential testing rates for clients.
- BVD tag and test available for ear notch samples for more rapid identification of PI's.
- Certificates of Health Status and pen/sale cards are automatically produced for farmer members at the relevant time.
- Member health status can be displayed on PCHS web pages at www.cattlehealth.co.uk.

Call us on 01835 822456

**Premium Sheep and Goat Health Schemes (PSGHS)**

Fully interpreted results are sent promptly to both vet and farmer. Test records are kept on a database to help clients keep track of testing data and reminders are sent out when testing is due.

- Providing a programme of testing for MV/CAE, EAE, CLA and both Scrapie genotyping and Scrapie Monitoring Scheme.
- Pre sale testing and competitive testing rates.
- Show/sale licensing for MV/CAE accredited sections at shows and sales.
- Reports of health status issued to members.
- Member flock health status can be displayed to potential buyers on our website www.psghs.co.uk.

Call us on 01463 226995
Premium Assured Strangles Scheme (PASS)

The Strangles Health Scheme has been developed by SAC Consulting Veterinary Services and supported by BHS.

Aims and Benefits of the Strangles Health Scheme

• To protect horses and livery yards from infection with Strangles.
• To reduce the spread of disease in local areas through increasing scheme membership.
• To provide an effective mechanism for the equine industry to tackle Strangles on a national scale, and stop the uncontrolled spread of the disease.
• The risk of disease in horses on member yards is significantly reduced through a proactive approach to the elimination of Strangles.
• Member yards enjoy an enhanced status amongst the equine community, and are recognised as having robust protocols in place for Strangles prevention.
• The cost of Strangles testing for members is discounted.

First scheme in the UK working in partnership with veterinary practices and the equine industry.
SAHPS (Animal Health Planning System)

SAHPS is a user friendly, web based, health planning system which allows beef and sheep farmers and their veterinary surgeons to cost effectively manage flock/herd health and production in real time.

- Web system – live information accessible anywhere, anytime.
- My documents enables the upload and sharing of documents such as lab reports, making information sharing easy.
- Manage events using the calendar feature. The calendar schedules treatments and highlights key events producing a work list which makes planning easier.
- Benchmark the farm with similar enterprises locally and nationally - highlights production shortfalls so that you can prioritise areas requiring action.
- Veterinary medicines selector which automatically inserts the essential product data, saving you time sourcing this information.

Comprehensive yet tailored with time saving functions for the veterinary practitioner.

Please email us at enquiries@sahps.co.uk for further information or to arrange a web demonstration or practice visit.
SAC Consulting has its own dedicated UKAS-accredited analytical facilities, ensuring a seamless service from field to lab.

The Analytical Services facility tests a range of materials for farmers, growers, consultants (including veterinary practitioners), commercial companies and researchers. This includes the testing of soils, plants, silages, animal feeds, organic manures, waters and soil amendments such as sewage sludge, paper wastes, composts and horticulture samples. We also carry out mineral and vitamin testing on veterinary samples.

Getting soil analysis right ensures the best economic return for farmers and growers, saves money and prevents unnecessary environmental problems.

Other soil related services include:

- pH soil sampling using GPS technology
- SAC SOILCHECK – topsoil analysis
- SAC Slurry Max - slurry analysis
CPD

Scientific knowledge is expanding all the time. However, it is difficult for anyone, least of all the busy veterinary practitioner to keep abreast of new knowledge relevant to their work. Yet this is what is expected by increasingly litigious clientele, and indeed is desirable as practices need to exploit competitive advantage to retain clients and increase practice incomes.

We have created a series of one and two day CPD training courses on a wide range of topics. The course content has been developed in collaboration with veterinary practitioners and uses expertise from within SAC Consulting Veterinary Services, research institutes, veterinary schools and the commercial sector to ensure the highest standards. Venues and course topics can be arranged to suit delegate needs.
Research and Development

SRUC is one of Europe’s leading specialist institutions; providing education, research and consultancy to the land-based sector. We presently have partners in over 55 countries. Through our international activities we hope to deepen our understanding of rural issues, and then translate and communicate that knowledge across the sector. It is this commitment that allows us to lead innovation and sustainable development in agriculture and associated industries and to develop new solutions to the many challenges that the land-based sector faces.

SRUC manages six research farms to provide research, education and knowledge transfer resources linked primarily to its applied research programme. These include dairy, arable, beef, upland/hill sheep systems, pig and poultry units.
Complimentary Products and Services

**Beef and Sheep Services**

Our team of specialist Beef and Sheep consultants combine expert knowledge, practical experience, and an innovative outlook to meet the challenges presented by today’s farming industry. The team works closely with Veterinary Services, Research and Education colleagues to provide integrated advice. Tight beef and sheep margins are likely to encourage a more joined-up approach to supply chains. Our specialists have experience of working throughout the supply chain. Through producer groups, consultants work with processors and retailers and also have experience in assisting farmers who wish to market direct to their customers. Contact us on 0131 5353434.

**Dairy Services**

Good business management of a dairy enterprise is the key to success. With the uncertainty surrounding milk prices, Single Farm Payments, margins and the future of quotas, it has become increasingly important to monitor herd performance on a regular basis. With up-to-date technical information and access to the latest research studies we can identify the right management decisions for the business. Contact us on 01387 261172.

**Rural Business Management**

We recognise the importance of effective business management particularly in times of fundamental change to support mechanisms and increasing global competition. Our experienced consultants provide independent services, tailor-made to the needs of our customers. Our consultants can call upon a wide range of specialist back-up services including; analytical services, environmental design, conservation management, livestock and crop husbandry, and marketing. Contact us on 01555 662562.

**Environment and Design**

Our Environment and Design Group specialises in renewable energy, the environment, and environmental planning and design. Working with clients, we provide innovative environment and design solutions to the private and public sectors, throughout the project life-cycle from feasibility to implementation. With certification under ISO 9001 and ISO 14001, complemented with Investors in People, we pride ourselves on delivering quality and a first-class service for our clients. Contact us on 0131 5353004.

**Food and Drink**

SAC Food and Drink has a successful track record of growing businesses. Services include:

- Business and marketing planning
- Market research and analysis
- Product development
- Improved customer service
- Local food development
- Preparing businesses for retail
- Supply chain planning
- Project feasibility
- Overall project and programme management

Team members have all worked in the food and drink industry, including experience in account and technical management and buying. Team members work with a number of businesses ranging from diversifying farmers, farm shops and tourist destinations through to preparing businesses for supply to multiple retail customers. Contact us on 01224 711250.
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