

# Mendip Vets Ruminants Giving Birth for the Working Farmer



## At a glance...

### Customised Provision

## Introduction

This training course will help you assess and learn when to call the vet out for cows calving, ewes lambing or goats kidding. Understand what you can tackle yourself and when you need to bring in veterinary assistance.

## Overview in brief

Understand what you can tackle yourselves and when you need to bring in veterinary assistance.

There will be background information so you can prepare for and recognise the signs of giving birth.

A simulator will be used for the practical activities.

There will be a skills assessment at the end of the practical session.

## The finer details

Our highly experienced instructors will help you understand how to carry out a simple assessment on whether a cow, ewe or goat is giving birth. In specific, the following areas are covered:

1. Prepare for birth
2. Recognise the signs of giving birth
3. Normal birth
4. Calving the cow, Lambing the ewe, Kidding the goat
5. Dealing with abnormal presentations
6. Colostrum is Gold
7. Aftercare

The organisers' highly combined experience brings in nearly 30 years knowledge from the UK and the rest of Europe.





## Who should attend?

Farmers, farm workers experienced shepherds that need a refresher, or a flock-keeper who is just starting, or a college student who wish to learn or improve their understanding on ruminants giving birth assessments.

## What will be covered?

- Understand the principles and applications of ruminants giving birth
- Review key performance points of ruminants giving birth applications
- Principles of safe handling of stock
- Biosecurity and protecting man and ruminants
- Pregnancy diagnosis and aging of the foetus
- Identification of twin pregnancies, whenever possible
- Gender determination, whenever possible

## Other areas of interest

- Mendip Vets Sheep Scanning

