

Homeopathy in the UK



The HAWL Teaching programme

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Homeopathy in the last Decade

- Few LA Homeopathic Vets
- Farmers obtaining Hom products from salesmen
- Remedies used without knowledge
- Hom substituted for antibiotics
- No opportunity for farmers to learn more

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Concerns

- Misuse of Homeopathy
- Lack of Knowledge

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HAWL

- HOMEOPATHY AT WELLIE LEVEL
- The Responsible Use of Homeopathy on the Farm

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Aims of HAWL

- Protect the Reputation of Homeopathy
- Enable the Stockman to understand and use Homeopathy effectively.
- Serious but FUN

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Aims of HAWL

- Not trying to replace the Vet
- Giving the farmer another management tool

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The Tutors

- Homeopathically qualified farms vets
- Lay homeopaths with farming and teaching experience
- Driving force and co-ordinator has teaching, homeopathic and agricultural qualifications

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The HAWL structure

- No commercial attachments
- Some struggle with funding
- Supported by HRH Prince Charles

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Skills required

- Observation of the animal
- Finding the Homeopathic remedy

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The Course

- 3 days each 3-4 weeks apart
- Co-ordinator attends all 3 days
- Each day has 2 different tutors
 - Vet and lay for each day

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Day 1

- Principles
- 6 remedies
- Observation of animals
- Collecting symptoms
- Purchase, storage and administration of remedies
- Books available

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Day 2

- Revision of principles and 6 remedies
- Collecting symptoms from a sick animal
- Matching symptoms to the remedy
- Introduction of **Materia medica** and **Repertory**
- Exercises and introduction to 2 more remedies

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Day 3

- Revision of symptom collection and exercises
- Chronic disease and acute flare-ups
- Remedies useful in infertility

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Other aspects of the Course

- 150 pages of notes and audio tapes
- Homework
- Telephone help line
- Keeping records
 - Weather
 - Management
 - Treatments

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The Results

- 10 courses in home base
- 7 course in other parts of UK
- 250+ students

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The Future

- Collect Data
- Set-up Research
- Package the Course

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Results of using Homeopathy

- Healthier stock
- Lower Veterinary Costs

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Current Situation in UK

- Antagonism
- Welfare considerations
- The Law
 - Licensing of Remedies VMD
 - Welfare of Animals Act
- Research

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Vet or Farmer?

- Vet
 - Farmer is **dependant** on the Professional
 - Decision making is removed
 - Second Aid – treating the already sick animal
- Farmer
 - Empowered to be an **active** partner
 - Homeopathy is part of every day management
 - First Aid

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In summary

- Homeopathy has its own rules and principles
- It looks at disease with a different perspective
- It works well if you know what you are doing
- It is a great addition to the farm management strategy

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In summary continued

- It helps to improve animal health
 - It can be used long before clinical signs are available to make a clinical diagnosis
- It supports the aims of the extensive, the low input and most of all the organic farmer
 - Training in its use empowers the farmer

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and Finally

- Ideally the farmer and professional should both have some training
 - It will not make the professional rich!!
- Farmers in Norway use it because it works

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