Frequently asked questions

Question 1

*Do I need to engage in one of these visits?*

If you have a livestock enterprise that requires the use of restricted animal medication such as antibiotics or sedative throughout the year it may be helpful to do so. In saying this, it is not a “must do” requirement. You are welcome to wait until the need arises and we will perform a farm visit on an as needs basis.

Question 2

*Can is still get restricted medications without a visit?*

No, the dispensing of these restricted medications requires a bone fide relationship with our clinic. This is defined by the government as a farm visit every 12 months. If medications are required and you have not been on one of these farm visit runs we will have to attend your property at the time of dispensing.

Question 3

*Is there a fee for this service?*

Yes. It’s a requirement by law that to dispense these medications to you, you have a bona fide relationship with a veterinary practice. The visit involves us travelling out to your farm and discussing pressing issues you may have, sighting animals typical of your enterprise and documenting this in such a manner that the legal requirements are all met.

Question 4

*What if I use the LLS or another vet practice?*

In some cases these vets can provide us with a script upon which we can dispense the required medication. In the case of ram sedative for shearing this is not typically something that government vets can write scripts for.

Question 5

*Am I obligated to do this Farm visits?*

By no means are you obligated to jump on any one of these runs. We understand that many enterprises are well run and self-sufficient but hope that you will see a relationship with your local veterinary practice as a good opportunity. If the need arises for animal treatment, we are more than happy to come and see your animals on an as needs basis.

Question 6

*I am involved in an animal health program such as SHEEP MAP or OBAS. Do you still need to attend?*

The visits for the particular programs involvement will be seen as your annual visit.