**START AN ASSAULT ON BITING INSECTS!!**

With the ground cover and water sources available following on from a wet winter there are plenty of breeding grounds for mosquitoes and midges. Here we have collected a list of safe mosquito repellent options. There are many options on the market and there is no one treatment that is the gold standard (unfortunately). They all require regular application to be effective.

A natural option to consider would be Natures Botanicals. It contains cedarwood and can be applied to dogs, horses, and people. It is available as a spray or cream.

Permethrin rinse products like Permoxin. These can be applied to the whole dog as a rinse or made up in a spray applicator and apply as a spray over the dog or horse. These will help repel fleas/ticks and mosquitoes/midges. It last between 3 days and 2 weeks depending on application method. CANNOT BE USED ON or AROUND CATS.

Shield Pour on for horses is the only registered pour-on products for horses making for easier application.

Repel X Spray is a combination spray registered for use on horses, dogs, cattle, and pigs. Flyaway Insecticidal Spray for horses is another combination product.

There are many brands of commercially available Insecticidal Ear tags for cattle. These primarily target Buffalo flies but can have some carry over activity against mosquitoes/midges.

There are also various Pour-On applications for cattle such as Easi-Dose which are insect repelling or products such as Cattle Coat, that act as deodorisers making the cattle less attractive to biting insects.

In combination with these applications using simple management techniques like:

- housing (kennel/stable/shed) with good airflow

- Fly mesh rugs for horses and dogs

- keeping off paddocks with stagnant water.