

**A One Day Workshop  
Animal Health and Welfare  
Animal By-Products  
Rates of Carcase Decay and the use of Expert  
Witnesses in Welfare cases - Course**  
To be held at  
**The Thames Head Inn, Tetbury Road, Cirencester,  
Gloucestershire. GL7 6NZ**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020 9.30am – 4.30pm  
£160 + VAT inclusive of lunch and refreshments**

This one day workshop has been arranged by Food and Farming Compliance Ltd., to provide an update on the enforcement of offences under the Animal By-Products Regulations in relation to the disposal of animal carcasses and the use of expert witnesses in welfare cases. It will also be of importance for the staff of Animal Charities and Quality Assurance Schemes

This workshop will explore the rate at which farm animal carcasses decay, which will be invaluable for Animal Health Inspectors and Veterinary Officers involved in the investigation of possible offences in relation to the disposal of animal carcasses. Course members are encouraged to bring with them past cases relating to the disposal of animal carcasses for discussion and as a learning aid. It will also outline the use of experts in animal welfare cases and the rules to be followed by the expert and the investigator

This workshop is designed for any authorised person who is responsible for administering and enforcing the provisions of Animal By-Products Regulations and Animal welfare legislation. The course is also designed for those who give expert evidence in animal health and welfare cases and those who investigate such cases and need to call on experts for evidence.

It will be of benefit to experienced officers and for the less experienced as training and guidance. The course is also relevant to the staff of Central Government Departments and Agencies responsible for any aspect of Animal By-Products / Animal Welfare Enforcement or Policy. It will also be relevant to Solicitors and Legal Department staff involved with the conduct, care and control of Animal By-Product and Animal welfare cases.

**Course Objectives:-**

*To learn how to distinguish between fresh and stale animal carcasses*

*To better understand the rates of decay in carcasses*

*To have a better understanding of the information needed in statements and for the presentation of a court case*

*To understand condition scoring and its relevance to carcasses*

*To appreciate when to summon a vet for an expert opinion in relation to carcase ageing*

*To better understand the use of expert witnesses, and the rules to be followed in order for their evidence to be relevant and admissible*

**For further information or assistance and to book your place:**

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- Please advise of any special requirements when booking for example, access, special facilities and or dietary requirements
- Following confirmation that the Workshop will be running an invoice will be sent.
- 6 hrs CPPD Certificate

Please note: In exceptional circumstances changes may be made to the content, timing, speakers and/or venue.

**Workshop Programme**

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| 9.30  | <b><i>Arrival, Refreshments and Registration</i></b>  |
| 9.45  | <b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION BY THE CHAIRMAN</b><br><b><i>Why you are here</i></b>   |
|       | <b><i>Nigel Durnford, Director, Food and Farming Compliance Ltd.</i></b>  |
|       | <b>TUTOR AND WORKSHOP LEADER FOR THE DAY</b>  |
|       | <b><i>Judith Charnley, B Vet Med, Cert SHP, MRCVS</i></b><br><b><i>Veterinary Surgeon and Sheep Farmer</i></b><br><b><i>Co Author Sheep Keepers Veterinary Handbook</i></b><br><b><i>Past President of Sheep Veterinary Society</i></b> |
| 10.00 | <b>RATES OF CARCASS DECAY - aims and objectives</b><br><b>A little of what you don't fancy - problems and solutions for animal welfare. Body scoring carcasses.</b><br><b>The Law of Flies - The Basics of Forensic Entomology</b>      |
| 11.15 | <b><i>Refreshment break</i></b>   |
| 11.30 | <b>AFTER THE FUNERAL - Preparation of statements</b><br><b>The Role of the Expert Witness</b><br><b>Brussels Sprouts – a load of hot air</b>  |
| 12.00 | <b>CASE STUDIES</b>   |
| 13.00 | <b><i>Lunch</i></b>   |
| 14.00 | <b>CASE STUDIES - discussion and lessons learned</b>  |
| 14.45 | <b>OPTIONS FOR SAMPLING AND TESTING, NEED FOR PM</b><br><b>Disaster at Ing Heys Farm - The Importance of Proper PMEs, correct samples and the role of NFSCO</b>   |
| 15.15 | <b><i>Refreshment break</i></b>   |
| 15.30 | <b>EXPERT WITNESSES IN WELFARE CASES</b>  |
|       | <b>An explanation of the use of experts in welfare cases, their statements and reports, a resume of the expert witness rules.</b>   |
| 16.15 | <b>QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSIONS</b>  |
| 4.30  | <b><i>Course Close</i></b>  |