VET ALERT 07/200/USE OF LIGNOCAIN/Food Animal Group

Please see below a copy of a letter which has been sent to the Medicines Section of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food.

We will let you know the outcome in due course.

“A chara,

Your letter to practitioners in relation to local anaesthetic use has caused confusion.

Willcaine etc is now to be used for a disbudding and other minor procedures but is not licensed for use for more invasive procedures such as caesarean sections in cattle and sheep.

Please clarify the position pointing out that Willcaine and such products are for disbudding and that lignocaine must not be used in those instances, but that lignocaine however can be used under the cascade for more invasive operations as described above.

Mise le meas

Peadar O'Scanaill
Chairman
Animal Remedies Committee”