

Unit 20iii: Bolusing Teacher's notes

Introduction

The bolus is a small object that contains chemicals that are slowly released into the animal's system.

This session deals with the different types of boluses used on farms, and their mode of action.

A recap on the ruminant stomach is needed to explain where the bolus is retained.

Key words

- bolus
- oesophagus
- rumen
- reticulum
- bolus applicator
- balling (another word for bolusing)
- minerals
- trace elements
- magnesium
- cobalt, selenium and copper
- wormers

Resources

- Factsheet
- Relevant websites
- Film clip of bolusing cattle
- Film clip of bolusing sheep

Learning activities to generate evidence that learning has taken place

- Quiz and word search