



Ark Vet Centre

YOUNGSTOCK TRAINING COURSE FOUNDATIONS OF DAIRY CALF & YOUNGSTOCK HEALTH



Dairy heifers are the future of any dairy herd.

This course covers the details of all aspects of calf and heifer rearing. This will equip dairy teams with the skills and knowledge to rear the most healthy and productive heifers that will go on to be resilient dairy cows performing well in the herd.



5 WEEK COURSE

**Tuesdays
10am – 1pm**



WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is designed for all herds people involved with rearing dairy youngstock and will provide practical knowledge and skills that can be adopted on farm straight away to maximise heifer rearing performance and potential.



COURSE ORGANISATION

The course will run in 5 consecutive weekly sessions between 10am and 1pm, designed to fit into the normal working day. There will be a mixture of on farm and classroom sessions delivered by experienced farm animal vets.



COURSE TUTORS

John Alexander,
Mary Holmes and
Colin Mason



COSTS

The course will cost **£500** for the block of 5 sessions.



COURSE LOCATION

Ark Vet Centre in Lockerbie and local farms in that area close to the M74 or A75. Convenient travel from Southern Scotland and Northern England.

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN



1. Helping the new born calf

Day 1 management, colostrum, the most recent advice and evidence and how to measure and monitor success.



2. Housing, hygiene, air quality and keeping calves warm.



3. Feeding options, growth rates

Monitoring and troubleshooting, importance for lifetime health and performance.



4. Detecting disease

What to look out for, treatment, management and care strategies.



5. Weaning and beyond

Transitions off milk, growth targets, heading for breeding.



COURSE DATES

Tuesdays

22 SEPT – 20 OCT 2026

22/09/2026 • 29/09/2026 • 06/10/2026
13/10/2026 • 20/10/2026



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BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY

Places are limited to ensure a high quality learning experience.



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