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## A NOTE FROM DR SUE JOUBERT TO ALL NVAS ACCREDITED FARMERS

### National Velvet Accreditation Scheme

Please note the following responses to issues raised to certain questions in the 2010 update exam. In my reworking of the exam, I altered statements to turn them from True to False but obviously had not checked all the answers thoroughly. My sincere apologies. However, I am heartened that there has been this debate as it demonstrates that you are all definitely "on the ball".

**Please let Solange know what your new "mark" should be and she will alter the records.**

**Q8. The annual growth of antler is caused by the rise and fall of testosterone, which is influenced by changing daylight lengths (the photoperiod). This usually occurs each year in the autumn.**

True or **False**

**Q15. Which statement/s are correct regarding the properties of xylazine?**

- a/ Loss of righting reflex
- b/ Unpredictable sedation in deer
- c/ Total and complete analgesia (pain relief)
- d/ A marked rise in blood pressure

**a & b**                      c & d                      a & d                      all of the above

**Q41. Which statement is correct?**

- a/ Deer farmers in Australia are accredited to use lignocaine, or a combination of lignocaine and xylazine.
- b/ Deer farmers in Australia are accredited to use only Naturo-O rings for mechanical analgesia.
- c/ Deer farmers in Australia can use both lignocaine and Naturo\_O rings for analgesia while velvetting.

**a**                      b                      c

**Q49. Which statement/s are correct:**

- a/ Most velvet product is marketed into Germany
- b/ Most velvet product is sold to the South Korean market
- c/ Russia and China purchase the major percentage of velvet on the world market

a                      **b**                      c

*This information is from New Zealand. China is definitely increasing their consumption of velvet especially as value-added products – ready-made capsules, health drinks, etc. Korea is still the biggest purchaser. I will get an update on this when I go to the next deer vet conference.*

**Q50. An increasing amount of velvet is sold to the Companion Animal (dogs and cats) market in America and Asia, as the consumption of velvet has been found to assist their immune systems to prevent infection.**

**True** or False

*Information from New Zealand research papers show that Asians are buying more pets and spending more on them.*