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COMBI CLAMP

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Take the Stress Out of Sheep Handling



North Wales sheep farmer and contractor Dewi Roberts visited the Malvern Sheep Show looking for anything that was new which would make sheep handling easier whilst being strong enough for the job intended. A Ritchie Combi Clamp system was on show and Dewi was impressed.

Dewi put the unit to work immediately and quickly realised he had indeed purchased a revolutionary sheep handling system that satisfied all of his requirements!

Dewi regularly handles over 100,000 sheep a year, with increased intensity during the December-March period where, with the help of the Combi Clamp and his dog, he is able to dose, inject and crutch pregnant sheep in one operation prior to lambing. With just himself and his dog, an average day is 600-700 sheep, with an assistant's help the record is 1,240 ewes a day! In some cases the unit is used for foot trimming where front and back feet of the standing ewe can be accessed and clipped without struggle.

Hands Free Operation

The Ritchie Combi Clamp is operated 'hands free', allowing the operator time to deal with

drenching, dagging, vaccinating or tagging, all in one operation. The operator stands on an adjustable, sprung loaded pressure plate which activates a soft sided panel to hold the sheep firm, securing the animal with a wrap around effect. The risk of the sheep or lamb rearing up or sitting down is eliminated. With no need to catch or handle sheep, the Ritchie Combi Clamp takes the back aching work out of sheep handling for the shepherd.

Dewi's unit is also mobile allowing him to move it easily and quickly. Most winter work is carried out in feed passages/sheep runs in lambing barns and so Dewi has developed his own operational technique. One of the advantages of the Ritchie unit, is its built-in strength, allowing a variety of sheep race systems to be added and secured to it, depending on each customer's system, be it pallets or hurdles! Each farm is different, but the firm way in which the padded clamp side gently holds each animal secure remains the same.

One thing Dewi is sure about, he needs to be finished with handling all of his customers' sheep with the Combi Clamp before he starts lambing his own.

