## **Matthew Colston Biography**

Matt graduated from R(D)SVS in Edinburgh in 1986. He then spent five years in mixed practice in Fife and the Borders before taking up a 2-year demonstrators post (shared between R(D)SVS and SAC (Edinburgh Genetics)) concentrating on equine reproduction and artificial breeding in small ruminants. He gained Cert. SHP before moving back to general practice in Cumbria. After 3 years near Carlisle he moved to Frame, Swift and Partners in Penrith from Oct 1996 until October 2013.

In November 2013, Matt joined Novartis Animal Health as a Veterinary Technical Advisor to the Farm Animal Team, and subsequently when Novartis Animal Health was sold to Elanco, he continued in this role for Elanco.

Matt was a regional advisor of the North of England and then Chairman of Moredun Foundation's Regional board, and Chair of Regional Chairs (2006 – 2015). Matt has been a great supporter of Moredun for many years and has helped many of the PIs and the Comms team with research projects, KE events and sponsorship in particularly in parasite control, ectoparasites (ticks and scab). He has recently helped with the Louping Ill vaccine project awareness, and the sheep scab projects across the UK.