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CLINIC HOURS

Monday-Friday:
8:00am– 5:30pm

Saturday:
9:00am - 4:00pm

Sunday:
9:00am - 3:00pm



24 HOUR
Emergency
SERVICES



(03) 544 1200

What's Coming Up

Looks like we are all set to spin the wheel and roll on another season. Good decision making last summer/autumn means most have cows in really good body condition and are going into spring in a good space which is great to see. Fingers crossed for a record breaker this year....!

A couple of things on the radar at the moment from a vet service/animal health perspective:

- 1) **Early metrichecking.** Remember the benefits on 6 week in calf rate through early metrichecks. We recommend that you check your herds every 2nd week and pull any cows with pus for treatment (calved >10 days). We can then swing by and treat. Of course happy to come and metricheck, or train you/staff in metrichecking if you are not yet confident in this.
- 2) **Springer/Fresh cow blood tests.** A good tool for measuring how well we are doing the springers / fresh cows, and make changes as required. Remember the impact sub clinical ketosis can have on endometritis, 6 week in calf rate etc. If you want to discuss the testing or book in, give us a call.
- 3) **Keep colostrum quality at the forefront.** If you have a brix meter for measuring quality—use it! As we demonstrated last year you cannot tell colostrum quality reliably by appearance or cow/heifer type alone. There is a benefit in ensuring all calves get the right amount of good quality colostrum in the first 24 (ideally 12) hours of life, and the benefit extends past the calf shed.

Look forward to seeing you all over the coming weeks as we dig into another season.

Cheers!



Calving Preparation

The majority of death and disease occurs in the first few weeks of life, so supplementation to prevent this needs to be rapidly absorbed and given as early as possible. This is best achieved through an injection, as oral supplementation is generally slower and complicated by poor absorption and interference between elements in the gut. Multimin strengthens the immune system by giving a boost of essential trace minerals such as copper, selenium, zinc and manganese which enables the calf to better handle challenge from disease.

SUPPORTED BY SCIENCE

A recent NZ trial has shown the benefit of treating calves in the first 24 hours of life. In MULTIMIN treated calves, sickness and death rates due to scours, navel infections or other diseases were **HALVED**.

THE ONLY PRODUCT LABELLED FOR USE WITHIN THE FIRST DAY OF LIFE IS MULTIMIN.

▼52%

REDUCTION IN DISEASE

▼58%

REDUCTION IN DEATHS



STARTER PLUS is a blend of feed additives that provide an immediate energy boost as well as a prolonged supply of energy to give a calving cow a supplemental source of energy which will last 24 hours. When used at calving, Starter Plus will help the cow through the transitional period by kick starting lactation and reducing metabolic disorders. Starter Plus also contains supplemental calcium and magnesium to assist in reducing the incidence of milk fever and staggers.

DIRECTIONS: 1 - 2 litres as a single drench following calving, or 500mls daily for 3 - 4 days following calving whilst in the colostrum mob. Shake well before using, drums should be agitated before decanting.

This is available in a 20L, 60L & 200L. The 200L includes free on-farm delivery.



DOWN COWS?

Which treatment should I use?

	 Vitamin B ₁₂ Included as a metabolic stimulant. (Available only from your vet.)	 VET ONLY Calcium Vitamin B ₁₂	 VET ONLY Calcium / Magnesium Vitamin B ₁₂	 Calcium / Magnesium Energy / Phosphorus	 Magnesium	 VET ONLY Energy
Milk Fever		Yes	Yes	Yes		
Grass Staggers			Yes'	Yes'	Yes	
Ketosis				Yes'		Yes
Delivery Method		IV SC	IV SC	IV SC	SC	IV

Calf Rearing

✓ Calf Sheds - prepare, to help ensure optimum calf health.

Vetsan 'Super' Concentrate Vetsan is our newest calf pen and feeding equipment sanitizer. Odourless, colourless, safe for use around calves as well as calf rearers (women of child bearing age in particular take note!) unlike other products — gluteraldehydes in particular, which are banned overseas.

The active in Vetsan is chlorine dioxide which is active against Rotavirus, E. coli, Salmonella, Coronavirus and unlike Virkon also controls Cryptosporidium.

Chlorine dioxide is widely used in hospitals around the world with great success, and is now available for use on farm. Being safe to use with your calves in the pen at the time of spraying, the best thing about Vetsan is the area it can cover; 1 litre of made up solution will cover 35m², versus 1 litre of Virkon which covers just 3.5m².

Vetsan is also around seven times cheaper than Virkon per square metre, making it the best and most cost effective.



Effective against Mycoplasma bovis

✓ Navel Health - prevention of infection is better than any cure.

Reduce the potential to pick up an infection on a fresh calf navel with an Iodine Tincture Spray.

Recent work from Dairy NZ has suggested that a 7% Iodine Tincture should be used as this will give the best results in sealing and drying the navel up quickly.

A 10% Iodine Spray is available as well as the standard 2.5%.



✓ Electrolytes - your first stop for scouring calves

Scouring calves die of dehydration and lack of energy. Electrolytes alone will cure 95% of scouring calves. Enerlect is a high energy

source that supplies all the important electrolytes lost during diarrhoea as well as acts to correct the acidosis that is a common feature of serious diarrhoea in calves.



✓ Rotogen Combo - unique solution for your calf scouring problems.

Rotogen Combo is the only product that prevents as well as treats the common causes of calf scours. Rotogens key ingredient, Globigen, is active against Rotavirus 6 & 10, Cryptosporidia, Salmonella, E.Coli and Coronavirus.

Prevention: use information from previous years to choose an appropriate Rotogen 'Combo' to assist in preventing scours. It is important that all calves are treated at birth for at least 5 days before any build up of environmental contamination can occur.

Treatment: Recommended that when a outbreak occurs; start treating with Rotogen 6&10 while faeces samples are tested. Once a diagnosis is established, the correct 'Combo' can be administered.



NEW In Clinic - RAPID SCOUR TEST

For Bovine Rotavirus, Corona, E.coli K99, Cryptosporidium, and Giardia antigen

This year we have a new in clinic test for rapid identification of the major scour pathogens (apart from salmonella).

Drop a sample in and we can process it in the same day in clinic.

Salmonella testing still requires a culture through the vet labs.



FEATURES

- Significantly reduces scours
- Calves love the taste
- Enhances resistance to disease
- Aids digestion processes
- Calves grow to weight quickly and wean earlier
- BioGro certified input for organics

NEW INTO CLINIC

Simply add the Optiguard powder to your calf-meal mix, milk or place it directly into feed troughs to allow calves to self-manage their intake.

What's New

DEBUDDING

Soon enough we will be getting stuck into disbudding calves. Along with some newer kit this year (handheld gas irons) we also have a new exciting product we will be using in place of the old "purple spray" after the disbudding.

Tri-Solfen is a local anaesthetic and antiseptic topical liquid providing quick pain relief when applied to a wound. It controls and reduces the likelihood of infections and haemorrhaging, containing two types of anaesthetic – a shorter acting one and a longer acting one – combined with adrenalin and an antiseptic. Used straight after disbudding Tri-Solfen will make a huge difference to calves at that time of year when they're young and vulnerable, and in need of the best start in life.

About Tri-Solfen

Tri-Solfen is a topical solution applied via an applicator.

It has four active ingredients:

- a fast acting local anaesthetic to quickly numb pain
- a long-acting local anaesthetic for longer lasting pain relief
- a vasoconstrictor to constrict blood vessels and reduce bleeding
- an antiseptic agent to help prevent infection.



Promotions

Buy selected ECLIPSE, MATRIX, SWITCH, EPRINEX or GENESIS products and receive a **FREE** Icebreaker Merino shirt.



Give us a call or ask in clinic for details.

External parasites make cows uncomfortable, which can lead to weight loss and decreased milk production. Application of Eprinex® soon after calving can play a valuable role at this critical time of the dairy production season.

EPRINEX® has nil milk and meat withhold and is safe for all ages and all stages.
1 X 5 LITRE TREATS 100 X 500KG



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