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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



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What's Coming Up

How is it December already!!!! Definitely a game of two halves this year. We started the year with a wicked drought and a 2000Ha fire, follow through a beautifully mild winter with amazing growth in May, June and July and then wind up now where we have mild temperatures, grass coming out of our ears and a forecasted \$7.50 pay out....

From an animal health perspective this year we have seen a few trends that I am sure are related to our climate last summer and how the cows (and you) responded to that adverse event. In general, cows dropped milk production right back as we entered into late Jan/Feb with most going to OAD. When we got rain in late March and grass in April milk production was wound right back and cows went about partitioning energy into fat deposition. Couple this with higher pasture growth rates in May, June and July resulted in the cows calving down in bloody awesome body condition.

I believe this has had a number of flow on effects in contributing to some of the trends we have seen so far this season:

- Reduced BSCC and mastitis incidence this year to date on majority of our farms
- Reduced incidence of endometritis this year on many farms
- High 3 week submission rates
- Increased milk production with cows holding peak milk longer this year

These are clearly positive outcomes, however we don't want to endure a massive drought every year to reap the benefits the following spring, and fingers crossed we won't!! I think it is just a nice reminder of the benefits of drying cows off in good body condition, and the impact on the following season that decisions we make this season make. Regular condition scoring, creation of a light mob with either/or (or a combination of) preferential feeding, OAD milking, early dry off etc will make a difference for their production next year.

Hopefully everyone gets a bit of down time over the summer holidays to recharge, whether it be catching up with family, taking some time out to go fishing, or having a few quiet ales.

We would like to thank you all for your continued support over the year. The team and myself have really enjoyed working with you all and will continue to do our best to support you and your farm businesses in 2020!

Young Stock and Worms

Never underestimate the impact of worms and larval challenge on young stock. Keep up with the Seleni-um and copper if your property needs it, and never skimp on the drench.

Remember that it is super important to use combination drenches containing levamisole at regular intervals (every 4 weeks for orals, every 6 weeks if double combination pour on) to ensure we have a sporting chance of cleaning out Cooperia and any single mectin resistant other parasites that may be there.

Typically we advocate double or triple combination oral drenches from around weaning through till March/April (or until you get sick of getting booted in the shins!!). Then we shift to a double combination pour on product like Eclipse or Boss pour on. For a triple combination alternative; some have used a double combination oral (like Oxfen C Plus or Arrest) with an injectable dectomax or pour on reflex. This allows us to get the benefit of using a pour on/injectable 'mectin (kills inhibited ostertagia larvae and gives some persistent activity against incoming larvae) while offering two other actives in the oral component to nuke any mectin resistant worms. A little time consuming, however it is potentially worth it for some operators. Give me a bell if you would like to discuss the pros and cons further.

Lepto Boosters

Remember that all young stock on farm should have received their sensitiser and booster vaccination of 7 in 1 prior to Christmas. Typically first shots are given close to weaning and a second booster 1 month later. Heifers (just mated) should receive their annual booster around Jan/Feb to bridge the gap to cows that are typically vaccinated pre dry off in April.

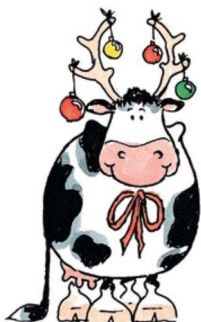


Pregnancy Testing for 2020

(yes we need to think about it now...)

We will be in touch pretty soon to tentatively start booking pregnancy testing for early next year. It is really important if you want to accurately identify cows due dates to scan at appropriate times. The best information we can provide comes from doing a scan at 6 weeks after the end of AI and then a round up scan 6 weeks after the bulls have finished their work.

Having this information is useful from an analysis point of view (accurate 6 week IC rate), and it allows you to make management decisions earlier about individual cows if you need to. Relying on last mating dates is often okay, equally, it can be unreliable.



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

From the Team at Town & Country Vets

Promotions

ECLIPSE Pour-On

Buy a 5.5L but only pay for 5L

Normal retail price \$1259

NOW \$1119 incl. GST



PLUS receive a free Christmas ham



Also have the option of deferred payment until February 2020

Promotion only while stocks last!

CRAZY CHRISTMAS DEALS

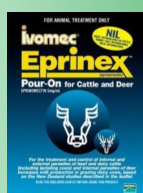
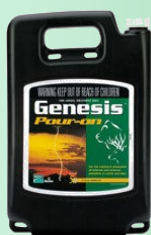
Genesis Pour-On 2.5L—only \$150

Genesis Pour-On 5L—only \$250

Eclipse 1L—10% off
(Was \$359—Now \$323.10)

Eprinex 1L—10% off
(Was \$219—Now \$197.10)

Limited stock available at these discounted prices,
so get in quick!



Christmas Open Hours

Tuesday 24 th December	8am - 4pm
Wednesday 25 th December	CLOSED
Thursday 26 th December	CLOSED
Friday 27 th December	8am - 5.30pm
Saturday 28 th December	9am - 3pm
Sunday 29 th December	10am - 1pm
Monday 30 th December	8am - 5.30pm
Tuesday 31 st January	8am - 4pm
Wednesday 1 st January	CLOSED
Thursday 2 nd January	CLOSED

Emergency Vet Available
24-hours

Promotions



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Christmas ham
with selected drench
purchased from the
1st October to
the 20th December

Classic Kiwi favourite



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1 x 2.5L

PURCHASE

1 x 5L

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