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We will provide industry-leading, reliable, knowledgeable service, in a friendly, courteous and timely manner, to benefit our clients and the communities we serve.

St Clements Clinic Hours: Mon-Fri 7am to 5pm Open Saturday 7am-12pm

Hwy 89 Clinic Hours: Mon-Sat 7am to 1 pm

CLINICS ARE CLOSED SUNDAY and NO DELIVERY SERVICE SATURDAYS AND HOLIDAYS

Orders for Delivery: Please, call BEFORE 9:30 am, for same day local delivery Monday to Friday

24 Hour Emergency Vet Service - call 519-698-2610 519-323-9002 519-699-0404 1-800-663-2941

APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER



All of us at Linwood Veterinary Services were saddened with the sudden death of our friend and colleague Bruce Scheerer early in March. Bruce had worked with us as a delivery driver for the last 7 years after retiring from a long career as an equipment operator for the Region of Waterloo.

Bruce was a great fan of the outdoors. At the funeral home his family shared with us how much he enjoyed driving throughout the countryside, seeing nature and meeting as many people as possible. If you were lucky enough to encounter Bruce, he always offered a positive word, a friendly smile and a hearty wave. His warm and helpful style were well appreciated around the office and he will be greatly missed.

Bovikalc® Spring Promotion® –March 1 to April 30, 2023 apply for a \$40 prepaid gift card with each case purchased. Emily H will apply for you if you let us know before April 30.

April Holiday

<u>Friday April 7</u> Clinics will be closed for Good Friday. Vet will be available for emergencies. There will be no delivery service.

Neonatal Maladjustment Syndrome

Neonatal Maladjustment Syndrome occurs in newborn animals that physically appear normal but may be weak, uncoordinated, lethargic and/or have little to no suckle reflex. This syndrome is commonly referred to as weak calf syndrome/dummy calf in calves and weak foal syndrome/dummy foal in foals. Dummy foal syndrome occurs in 3-5% of live births.

Typically, during the normal birthing process calves/foals transition from a calm and sedate state in the womb to a bright, alert, and conscious state. Situations in which this transition may not occur include dystocia's (hard & difficult birthing), a normal very quick birth and/or delivery via c-section. Early intervention of these cases is important to determine potential underlying causes and to provide appropriate treatment.

The Madigan Squeeze technique (MST) is a technique developed by Dr. John Madigan used to treat dummy foals. The application of physical pressure in this technique is designed to mimic the journey through the birth canal, activating the brain to transition from a calm and sedate state to a bright, alert, and conscious state. This procedure involves the placement of ropes and applying physical pressure which puts the foal or calf into a sedate state for 20 minutes. When this procedure is finished, the foal or calf should become brighter and more alert. This procedure may need to be repeated several times throughout the first few days of life.

Is the MST appropriate for all calves? No. It is important to identify which neonates this procedure would be beneficial for. Foals/calves presenting with respiratory problems, broken ribs and/or neuromuscular disorders should not have this procedure performed.

Should you come across a dummy calf or foal give us a call to determine if the MST would be appropriate for your animal.

Ouestions?!? Please reach out to us!

