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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.

Linwood Clinic Hours: Mon-Fri 7am – 5pm Sat 7am – 12pm Hwy 89 Clinic: Mon-Sat 7am-1 pm

NOTE: BOTH CLINICS ARE CLOSED SUNDAY

Orders for Delivery: call by 9:30 am at the latest for same day local delivery Monday to Friday

24 Hour Emergency Vet Service 1-800-663-2941

# **JUNE 2015 NEWSLETTER**

### **Clinic News**

There will be no delivery service on the Canada Day holiday **Wednesday July 1**. Clinics will be open in the morning and on call vets available for emergencies.



**CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY!! TUESDAYJUNE 16<sup>TH</sup> – PLEASE JOIN US FOR BBQs** at either the Hwy 89 or Linwood Clinic, rain or shine, 11:30am to 1:00 pm. A quick phone call to let us know you intend to come, and which location, will be much appreciated, to help us with planning. If you forget, come anyway!

# Parasite control program for horses

For the best control of parasites, **all horses and ponies** should be included in a strategic treatment program. In foals, initial treatment is recommended at 4 months of age, after which they should be included in a routine re-treatment program. Both Equalan Gold and QUEST Gel provides an aid in the control of parasites and are particularly useful in reducing the frequency of dosing in a strategic treatment program. For Example, QUEST Gel, when used at the recommended dose, **suppresses strongyle egg production for up to 84 days** following a single administration, thereby reducing pasture contamination and providing a period of protection from re-infection for horses grazing that pasture. Consult your veterinarian for the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of parasitic infections in horses and ponies.

#### **Rumensin CRC Replacement Policy**

Elanco has been committed to finding improvements in the Rumensin CRC over the last few years and as a result have introduced many improvements:

- increased the spring strength since capsules were stalling out (in less than 1 %)
- lots starting with Lot # 503018, 019, 020 have a new polymer that has been used for close to 2 years in the EU market and has proven to be more durable with less breakage

- the wing attachment at the top of the barrel has been enhanced with deeper ribs that spread the bending stress over a wider region and thus reducing possible fracture points

These improvements have been done to ensure payout happens as expected and that wing breakage will be greatly reduced.

Linwood Veterinary Services wishes to announce this change well in advance of the policies effective date of July  $1^{st}$  to ensure Producers have the opportunity to discuss any concerns with your herd health Vet prior to that date

#### Policy outline Effective July 1, 2015

- boluses that are 100% paid out *will not* be replaced
- boluses that have less than 1 full tablet will not be replaced
- boluses with any amount of tablets and 2 wings intact which could have been re-administered *will not* be replaced.
- capsules which have 3 or more tablets with 1 or both wings broken *will be replaced 1 to 1*.
- capsules with more than 1 and less than 3 tablets left and at least one wing broken *will be replaced at a 5 to 1 ratio*.

This offers a middle ground and it compensates for unrealized/unused product.

We believe that the Rumensin CRC capsule now has increased durability as the grade of polypropylene polymer of the capsule has changed to a more flexible grade which should reduce the incidence of wing breakage and thus the capsule will stay down and have complete payout as expected. Elanco is working to continually improve their products.

**Rumensin CRC label Cautions:** Do not allow canines, horses, other equines or guinea fowl access to formulations containing monensin. Consumption of capsule contents can be fatal.

## THE CALFSTART PROGRAM

Prevention of illness is at the heart of the CalfStart program and proper colostrum management is a vital first step in producing healthy calves today to have the productive cows of tomorrow.

The program builds on recent calf wellness research and leading products of Zoetis, providing a set of protocols and guidelines that promote the health of calves. The program gives producers and veterinarians the tools to help assess the effectiveness of their colostrum management, as well as improve their calf health monitoring practices. As a member of the CalfStart program, you will have access to a free smartphone App, which gives you the ability to create individual calf health records, while providing you with a wide range of tools and calf health information. Visit **www.calfstart.ca** for more details.

# How to get started

- 1. ENROL IN THE CALFSTART PROGRAM AT WWW.CALFSTART.CA
- 2. WORK WITH YOUR VET TO PERFORM BLOOD TESTS ON CALVES BETWEEN 24 HOURS AND 7 DAYS OF AGE TO EVALUATE PASSIVE TRANSFER OF IMMUNITY
- 3. REVIEW TEST RESULTS WITH YOUR VETERINARIAN TO DETERMINE THE SUCCESS OF YOUR COLOSTRUM MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
- 4. CREATE AND UPKEEP INDIVIDUAL CALF HEALTH RECORDS USING THE CALFSTART APP
- 5. MONITOR AND ADJUST CALFSTART PROTOCOL AS NECESSARY IN WITH YOUR VETERINARIAN

There will be more information about the CalfStart program in the July Newsletter.