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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: ***Please call BEFORE 9:30 am*** for same day local delivery Monday to Friday
24 Hour Emergency Vet Service **1-800-663-2941**

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Clinic News

There will be no delivery service **on Monday October 10th** for Thanksgiving. Clinics will be open in the morning and on call vets available for emergencies.

Online payment of your Linwood invoices through TelPay is now available. Please email us at linwoodvet@linwoodvet.ca and we will forward instructions for TelPay to you.

Message from Public Health for Private Drinking Water Well Owners: Test your well water for bacteria before the winter hits! Public Health recommends that you test your well water for bacteria 3 times per year, Fall, Spring and Summer; and fluoride and nitrates at least once.

Samples can be dropped off at public health unit offices in Ontario. To find more information about sampling in your local Public Health unit, call or follow one of these links:

- **Region of Waterloo Public Health*:** 519-575-4400 www.regionofwaterloo.ca/privatewellwater
**You can pick up a bottle at Linwood Veterinary Services during business hours (drop off on Tuesdays only: every Tuesday for bacteria samples, and the last Tuesday of the month for Fluoride/Nitrate samples). Check online for helpful instructions (e.g., samples should be refrigerated and submitted asap) and to sign up for email reminders.*
- **Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health:** 1-800-265-7293
<https://www.wdgpulichealth.ca/?q=adultwellwater>
- **Grey Bruce Health Unit:** 1-800-263-3456 <https://www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca/Your-Environment/Safe-Water/Private-Drinking-Water/Testing-Drinking-Water>

List of Public Health Units in Ontario:

<http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/common/system/services/phu/locations.aspx>

Linwood posts newsletters online, where you can click on links and look at previous newsletters.

Toxic Mastitis- Some Tips & Tricks

Toxic mastitis or watery mastitis have been more common in the past few months and that trend will likely continue into the fall. Here are a few things to remember when battling toxic mastitis.

Prevention is KEY:

- **Cleanliness**
 - o The less bacteria a cow's teat ends come in contact with the less mastitis you will have
 - o Lots of bedding, stall lime, tail ties, frequent stall scrape down will all help with this
- **Vaccinate your cows**
 - o J vac is proven to help prevent severity of watery mastitis caused by E coli
- **Dry cow treatment & Orbeseal**
 - o Help keep the bugs out during the dry period to prevent cows calving in with mastitis
- **Proper milking procedures**
 - o Ensuring proper milk letdown, good teat cleanliness, covering the entire teat in teat dip post milking
- **Well maintained milkers**
 - o High teat end vacuum or over milking will damage teat ends making them more susceptible to bacterial invasion

Treatment Tips:

- Treat early & aggressively
- Stripping the affected quarter out often
- Products which can aid in recovery of water mastitis include the following:
 - o Borgal, Spectramast LC, Metacam, Banamine, Hypertonic, Predef, Newcells, Ascorbic Acid, Calcium
 - o Be sure to chat with your Veterinarian about treatment protocols best suited to your farm

The above is just a little reminder about toxic or watery mastitis. If you have more questions or would like to discuss vaccination or treatment protocols, just give us a call or ask us at your next herd health. We are always happy to help.

Would you like to learn how to freeze calves before dehorning or disbudding? Would you like free food while you do it?

Dr. Charlotte Winder at the University of Guelph is conducting a study on teaching corneal nerve blocks (local freezing for dehorning) to dairy and beef producers in the area. Any dairy or beef producer or employee of the farm who has NOT performed a corneal nerve block before is eligible to participate.

How It Works: You are either assigned to an online training group or a hands on small group training session. After lunch ALL participants will learn in person how to properly perform a corneal nerve block for the purpose of freezing for disbudding or dehorning.

The Benefits: You will learn how to perform a corneal nerve block (Note- providing pain relief to calves prior to dehorning is a requirement of ProAction which becomes mandatory in less than a year). You also get a free lunch and get to help out with dairy cattle research.

If you have any questions or wish to participate please contact Dr. Charlotte Winder directly at winderc@uoguelph.ca or 519-546-0167. The next dehorning workshop is schedule to occur on November 23 and January 11 at the Elora Research Dairy.