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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 call any clinic number **1-800-663-2941 519-698-2610 519-323-9002**

HAPPY NEW YEAR !

Clinic News

Monday February 20, Family Day, is a Statutory Holiday. **There will be no delivery service that day.** Clinics will be open only in the morning and vets will be available for emergencies. Please bring in any milk samples for residue testing, as early as possible, as some testing takes three hours, and needs to be completed before noon.

We have seen some very poor driving conditions this winter so far, and some deliveries have been delayed. Please try to place orders ahead of when you will need them, in case of road problems. Please keep your laneway clear when you are expecting a delivery. The order cut off is 9:30 am for same day delivery, so please call in as soon as you know what you need.

Orders placed ahead of the delivery day are much appreciated!

New Name, Same Great Product

Elanco has renamed their Rumensin CRC boluses with a new product called **Kexxtone™**. The boluses work exactly like the old ones and you can use the same CRC applicator gun as before. The **Kexxtone™** boluses have slightly longer wings and you need to get a new drug label insert for your CQM binder before your next CQM validation.

ProAction Update

Producers (located in Waterloo County) who volunteered to take part in the pilot program will begin their on farm and classroom training sessions by the end of January. Regular classroom training sessions and on farm training sessions (if desired) will begin after that. Watch for an update in the next newsletter.

Milk Quality- Changes to SCC & Bacteria Penalties

DFO is changing the calculation method for determining SCC and bacteria penalties starting in February 2017 (this is a target date). They will no longer be using the weighted monthly average method. Instead, the percentage of **pickups** that are in the penalty range over a 3 month period will be calculated for both SCC and bacteria. If a producer has a pick up in the penalty range in the current month AND 40% or higher of pickups in the current month plus the 2 previous months are in the penalty range, a penalty will apply. *If SCC is elevated on your farm, give us a call right away and we can help you solve the problem.*

Raising Calves in Winter

A young calf (less than a month of old) starts to use extra energy for maintenance needs when the temperature drops below 10C. In other words, when the temperature gets close to or below freezing a calf has to use a lot more energy just to stay alive. In fact, a calf in -4C temperatures compared to one at 10C will require an extra **30% more energy just** to stay alive. Think how much more energy a calf will need if temperature drop to -15C or -20C. So what can we do to raise healthy, well grown calves in winter?

1. Feed more milk or milk replacer (preferably feed an extra feeding)
 - a. 50% more milk or milk replacer in cold months
2. A LOT of dry and clean bedding
 - a. Wet bedding draws heat away from calf, making it colder
 - b. Deep bedding allows the calf to burrow in and insulate itself
3. No drafts, but provide fresh air
4. Calf blankets
5. Access to water and calf starter starting at 3 days old

Calf Blankets

The clinic stocks a full line washable and dryable, locally made calf blankets in our clinic. It's important to keep young calves warm in the winter to prevent sickness and promote growth. We have sizes M, L and XL to fit calves from birth to about 2 months old.