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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**

## DECEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER



**VERY MERRY AND SAFE CHRISTMAS  
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR WISHES  
FROM ALL YOUR VETERINARIANS AND STAFF AT  
HWY 89 AND LINWOOD VETERINARY SERVICES!**

*Thank you to everyone for helping us cooperate with Public Health guidelines during this pandemic; being ready with your masks and mindful of social distancing. If there are further requirements from Public Health, we will let you know when you call in or when we are giving you a call ahead before staff come out to your farm.*

**HOLIDAY HOURS** St. Clements and Mount Forest Clinics will be **closed** and there will be no delivery service on **Friday December 25<sup>th</sup>** , **Saturday December 26<sup>th</sup>** and **Friday January 1<sup>st</sup>**.

**Emergency Veterinary care always available 24/7.**

**Please think about ordering to have essential veterinary needs are on hand for the holidays and potential road closures or bad weather. Your Vets, RVT's and Delivery staff appreciate clear laneways through the winter months.**

**Notice:** [Zoetis Fall Draxxin® Producer Rebate HAS BEEN EXTENDED](#)

Purchases of 100ml, 250 ml and 500 ml from August 10, 2020 to February 28 2021 qualify.

Submission cut of date is March 31, 2021. Call clinic for registration forms or more information.

Zoetis 2021 calendar books will be on hand in early December. Add one to your next order or vet visit.

## **ProAction Update:**

A few ProAction Reminders:

1. The last section of ProAction, Environment comes into effect in September of 2021.
2. The new DairyTrace system came online in October, this is the national traceability database. It is mandatory to report animal births, purchased cattle, tag retirements, animals composted on farm, and tag replacements to this database starting in September 2021
  - DairyTrace may be accessed via Mobile App, Phone (1-866-558-7223) or via Mail
  - For more information please see the information package which was mailed out a few months ago
  - A DHI tester can do some of the reporting for your farm, but can't meet all reporting deadlines
3. In effect now, please be sure to record NLID#s in their entire 15 digits. For example, a NLID# 12345678 should be written as 124 000 012 345 678. All Canadian NLID#s start with 124 which is the code for Canada.
4. New single white tags for dairy beef (male calves, cross bred calves) are available now and can be used instead of the currently allowed yellow CFIA button tags. They have a button on one side and a panel on the other that you can put a management number on. They cost \$3.25 each plus tax and are available in packs of 30 from Holstein Canada.
5. Don't forget to have us out a month or two before your validation month to review your ProAction records and make sure you have everything to pass your validation with flying colours.

## **Winter Things:**

As the snow starts flying and the temperatures get colder there are a few things to keep in mind which will help keep your animals comfortable and healthy this winter.

1. The changing weather brings an increase of pneumonia cases and herd outbreaks, we have been sending out many vaccines and antimicrobials specific to pneumonia in the last couple of months. Be on the lookout for cattle hanging back, decreased feed intake, decreased milk intake and be sure to treat aggressively for best outcome. This is also the time to make sure your vaccine program is up to date and is providing the best coverage. Many farms add in additional short term vaccine coverage this time of the year in the form of Inforce 3 IN and Once PMH IN for cheap, added protection.
2. Calf Coats! We sell them and they work great. When temperatures drop below 10C, it is important to provide additional warmth so calves don't waste nutritional energy on staying warm. Calves wearing calf coats gain weight quicker and are healthier than calves without.
3. Horses: Always make sure your horses have access to water, preferably not ice cold water. Horses which aren't taking in adequate water due to frozen, too cold or dirty watering bowls/pails are at a much higher risk of colic
4. Bedding. Always use adequate bedding. Animals which are wet and/or dirty are much more likely to develop illnesses such as pneumonia. As well, they will have to use more nutritional energy to stay warm, decreasing their potential growth and milk production
5. Don't close your barn up too tight! Sure we all know drafts are bad, but closing a barn up too tight so there is no air exchange results in air quality issues and an increase in diseases like pneumonia. Remember you want 4 air exchanges an hour in the winter months. An air tube is a great way to achieve proper ventilation with no drafts in the winter for calves.