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

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Clinic News

The clinics will be CLOSED and there will be no delivery as we observe **Good Friday, March 30th**. Vets will be on call for your emergency needs.

ProAction Corner

Traceability Tips:

- Get started now! You need on-farm traceability records from September 2017 onward.
- The newest version of the DHI book has been updated for the new traceability records.
- If you don't have internet or a smart phone you do not have to worry about reporting your on farm records to the National Database until the telephone reporting system is in place.
- If you have internet access or a smart phone with data please start reporting to the database now.
- Reminder of the 6 traceability requirements:
 - Premise ID
 - This is a unique identifier for your farm. It can be found online at milk.org, at the top of your DHI paperwork or 1-855-697-7743.
 - Birth Records. Record on farm within 7 days of birth, or before the calf leaves the farm
 - Must have a date of birth and the NLID #
 - Report Animal Birth Information to the National Database. (if currently have internet access)
 - Within 45 days of animal birth or before the calf leaves the farm. (whichever comes first)
 - Report Date of Birth, NLID# and Premise ID of where calf was born
 - Calves must be tagged within 7 days of birth
 - Approved dairy tags (double white panel in one ear, button and panel in other ear) for all female calves destined to produce milk.
 - Calves destined for the beef industry (bulls, freemartins, beef crosses) can be tagged with a (CCIA) yellow beef tag.
 - Move ins
 - Record move in information on farm within 7 days or before the animal leaves the farm. The following information must be recorded:
 - NLID #
 - Date of animal's arrival
 - Premise ID of the farm of arrival and departure
 - Vehicle or trailer license plate #

- Report to the database within 7 days (if you have internet access)
- Tag Retirement
 - This is the sold/died list in your DHI Book
 - Record all animals sold or died on farm.
 - Animals which are composted on farm, please record: NLID#, date of death and premise ID of farm where animal died/disposed of.

Respiratory Disease- What Can You Do About It?

With the changing weather, we often see an increase in respiratory disease in our calves and cows. It is always good to review the most common preventative and treatment option available to us to help raise healthy calves and cows. Respiratory disease, more commonly called pneumonia is caused by bacteria and/or viruses.

Preventative Strategies for Calves:

- Colostrum
 - 4L for Holstein calves, as soon as possible
- Clean, dry & well bedded environment
 - Deep, dry bedding prevents pneumonia by 50%
 - Clean calf hutches or pens between calves
- Fresh, well ventilated environment.
 - Cold fresh air is significantly better than warm, stale air
- Adequate nutrition.
 - Calves getting 8L plus of milk or milk replacer a day fight of disease better.
 - Good quality, high protein calf starter
- Proper weaning
 - Make sure calves are eating at least 1 kg calf starter/day before starting to wean.
- Vaccinations
 - Inforce 3 & Once PMH IN within 1 week of birth
 - Bovi-Shield Gold or another live vaccine post weaning
- Metaphylactic treatment at times of stress
 - Ie- weather changes or before weaning
 - Products like: Draxxin, Zuprevo or Zactran

Treatment Options for Calves:

- Please discuss these with your Veterinarian, which products to choose depends on your operation and current disease pressures. It is important to use antibiotics in a responsible manner.
- Commonly used drugs to treat pneumonia include:
 - Resflor/Nuflor, A180, Micotil, LS100, Baytril
 - Dexamethasone, Predef, Naquasone, Metacam or Banamine can be used to take down fever and inflammation.

Preventative Strategies for Adult Cattle:

- Vaccinations
 - Bovi-Shield Gold, Express, Triangle 10, CattleMaster, etc.
 - Inforce 3 prior to calving
 - There are many different vaccine protocols – please talk with your Veterinarian for the protocol that best suits you and your operation.
- Ventilation
 - Fresh clean air
- Decrease incidence of fresh cow diseases
 - Cattle with other diseases (metritis, mastitis, ketosis, lameness, etc.) are 3-10x more likely to develop pneumonia.

Treatment Options for Adult Cattle (Milking):

- Commonly used drugs in lactating cattle:
 - Polyflex, Oxymycine LP, Excenel, Ceftiocyl, LS 100
 - Metacam is often used to decrease fever and inflammation alongside one of the antibiotics used above.