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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

## **MAY 2018 NEWSLETTER**

### **Clinic News**

The clinics will be CLOSED and there will be no delivery for Victoria Day, **Monday, May 21** Vets will be on call for your emergency needs.

### **MAY IS RABIES VACCINATION MONTH**

Your herd veterinarian will be prepared to vaccinate all dogs and horses on farm for rabies. Please let the office know how many of each the vet needs to vaccinate.

### **NEW! ONLINE PAYMENT OPTION FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE**

Linwood Veterinary Services/Hwy 89 Vets can now receive your payments through your telephone banking or online banking platform. Save on cheque fees, stamps, and have control of when the money is withdrawn from your account. Use your six-character customer number for your payment identification. TD, Scotia, RBC, CIBC, BMO and the Credit Unions should all be up and running. Please contact Nancy at the office if you cannot find us listed on your banking platform. We are happy to continue receiving your payments however is most convenient for you, by cheque, cash, telpay, other payment ETF services, and Visa and MasterCard.

### **BEEF BARN TOUR**

Tuesday June 12, 11:00 am at the farm of James Wideman, 3005 Kressler Rd, just outside of Heidelberg. Lunch provided, and two other barns to tour after lunch, if you'd like to. If you have questions, contact Murray Brubacher 519-589-2958

### **Dairy ProAction Corner:**

#### A Few Reminders

- Don't forget to get a premise ID and letter of guarantee for any cattle you move in
- If you have internet access, please start reporting to the Traceability database
- Make sure you're using pain control when dehorning calves and recording the meat withdrawal in your treatment records

With the recent backorder of Orbeseal® and a tentative return date of August 2018 we are experiencing many questions about what we should do to help prevent mastitis in our dry cows. Unfortunately, at this time we don't have a replacement product for Orbeseal®.

### **Dry Cow & Fresh Cow Mastitis Preventative Strategies:**

#### Dry Cow Antibiotic Therapy:

- Use an antibiotic dry cow treatment at dry off. (Novodry® Cefa-Dri® Spectramast DC®)
- These products treat subclinical infections during the dry period. This results in less clinical infections at freshening and a lower somatic cell in the next lactation.

#### Cleanliness:

- Use more bedding in dry cow pens
- A dry and clean laying surface and clean scrape alley greatly reduce the bacteria load on teats

#### Reduce Stress:

- Stocking density in dry cow pens of 150-200 sq ft of bedded pack space
  - Cows with plenty of space are less stressed and have a stronger immune system

#### Optimum Bunk Space & Nutrition:

- Minimum of 30" of bunk space per dry cow
- Always have access to good quality, well balanced dry cow ration

#### Vaccinations & Preventative Medicine in Dry Cows:

- Use J-VAC® in pre-fresh dry cows to help prevent *E. coli* mastitis in fresh cows
- Consider using Imrestor™ (Immune boosting product) which is labelled to prevent mastitis in fresh cows
- Give Inforce 3™ & Kexxtone™ approximately 3 weeks pre-fresh to help prevent fresh cow pneumonia
  - Preventing transition cow problems like ketosis and pneumonia help keep a cow's immune system functioning properly and makes other diseases like mastitis less likely