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**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

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## APRIL 2017 NEWSLETTER

### Clinic News

Reminder: Clinics are closed Good Friday, April 14

Please call in orders **before** the 9:30 am cut off if you need delivery the same day. Orders need to be entered, printed, routed and packed and get out the door! We welcome you to call in your orders ahead.

### New Product Alert!

Merck has brought a new intranasal vaccine to the market for use in calves. **Bovilis®** is a intranasal vaccine for coronavirus. Coronavirus can cause diarrhea in calves. This product is designed to be given to calves 3-7 days and is intended to help prevent calf scours. Please talk with your herd veterinarian if you think this product would fit on your farm.

### How to Obtain the Premise ID for your Farm

A premise ID is a unique number for the location of an agri-food business. It should be in the format of ON12334567 (ON followed by 7 numbers). All dairy farms will need to have a premise ID as part of the requirements for the Traceability section for ProAction. As the National Traceability Database will track all dairy cattle and veal calves, it is important that all farms with cattle on them get their premise ID.

There are multiple ways to obtain your premise ID for your farm.

1. If you're a dairy farmer you can log into [milk.org](http://milk.org) and your premise ID will be located in the top left hand corner.
2. If you milk test with DHI your premise ID will be on the top of your DHI sheets
3. Any farmer can go online at [www.ontarioppr.ca](http://www.ontarioppr.ca) to look it up
4. Any farmer can call 1-855-MY-PPR-ID (1-855-697-7743) to get their premise ID.

## **Toxic Mastitis- Some Tips & Tricks**

Toxic mastitis or watery mastitis case incidence have been increasing in recent weeks likely due to the wet, humid and warmer weather. 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.