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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**

## DECEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER



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

### CLINICS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Monday Dec 24<sup>th</sup> Linwood clinic will close 3pm  
Tuesday Dec 25<sup>th</sup> clinics CLOSED  
Wednesday Dec 26<sup>th</sup> clinics CLOSED  
Monday Dec 31, Linwood clinic will close 3pm  
Tuesday Jan 1, clinics CLOSED

2019 Zoetis calendars are available at the clinic. Stop by to pick some up or request them to be sent out with your product order

### Dairy Producer Meetings

Linwood Thursday Dec 13 at the Linwood Community Centre (5279 Ament Line) commences 10:00 am  
Mount Forest on Friday Dec 14 at the Legion (140 King St. N) commences 10:00 am

### Clinic News

To help us arrive at your farm in a timely and efficient manner please call in your sick animal calls as early in the day as possible. This allows us to plan our days more efficiently, and keeps our call fees economical for you, our valued clients! As an added bonus, morning call fees are cheaper compared to the afternoon or evening.

## **Dairy Goat Animal Care & Welfare Program**

Dr. Kelly Haelzle & Dr. Amanda Topp will be offering on-farm assistance for the new Dairy Goat Animal Care & Welfare Program being introduced by Gay Lea/Hewitt's starting in 2019. All dairy goat farms shipping milk to Gay Lea/Hewitt's will have to complete an on-farm audit randomly within in the next 3 years. Farms who do not pass will be re-audited. Our on-farm preparation will help you meet the requirements of the audit as well ensure on farm protocols and withdrawal recommendations are up to date.

### **Vaccine Handling**

Vaccine handling is essential to ensure your cattle are getting the best protection for the vaccine being used. Outbreaks of diseases on farms that are vaccinated are more often caused by improper handling of vaccines before and during use, than they are due to the effectiveness of the vaccine.

Below are some tips for properly handling vaccines:

- When mixing vaccines only mix what will be used up with in 1 hour of mixing. Vaccines that sit for longer than this time period start to lose their effectiveness and by 3 hours post mixing are nearly useless.
- Handling of vaccines is important, especially MLV vaccines. They should always be kept cold consistent temperature 4-8 degrees Celsius, this is from the time they are shipped until the time they are used.
- Vaccines should always be kept in a fridge or cooler that holds a steady temperature and not be kept on the door of the fridge as this is often the warmest spot of the fridge.
- When using multi dosage syringes or vaccinating more than a few cattle be sure to keep the mixed vaccine and syringe out of the sunlight and keep it cool.
- Never cross contaminate the syringe if you are using multiple vaccines.
- Don't let vaccine freeze.

No vaccine program will prevent 100% of disease challenges. However, you can improve the odds by understanding the health status of the cattle, using proper vaccine handling techniques and the right vaccination program.

### **ProAction Corner**

A little friendly reminder as winter arrives. Make sure you're feeding your dairy calves 25% more in the winter. Not only is this a ProAction requirement but it is a great practice which helps reduce disease and mortality in dairy calves. More milk or milk replacer grows larger, healthier calves which will ultimately breed sooner as heifers and milk better as cows. Also, deep bedding our calves in straw so they can nest can reduce pneumonia incidence by 50%. Let's keep our calves healthy this winter!