

# Attica Veterinary Associates

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## **Goodbye:**

We sadly said goodbye to Dr. Noah Seward. His last day at Attica Veterinary was February 11<sup>th</sup>. We would like to thank him for his years working here and wish him well in his future endeavors.



## **Please remember the text line is not for emergencies:**

Our text line (585-356-3420) was set up as a way to conveniently get supplies and non-emergency notices. Please call the office – 585-591-2660 for any time you have an emergency or want a vet to come out to your farm. Our answering service will answer when the office is closed and contact the veterinarian on call. The text line is not manned when the office is closed. This is also a reminder to call our office and not text a certain veterinarian when you have a call or emergency. Sometimes when they are busy we may have another vet very close to your farm that could be there very shortly. Our front desk staff is able to assist you and get your call taken care of as quickly as possible.

## **Product Update:**

Many of you are familiar with Bovikal<sup>c</sup>. We also wanted to make you aware that Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health has launched Bovikal<sup>c</sup> Dry, an oral mineral supplement that can be used in cows during “dry off,” a period of 45 to 60 days before a cow delivers its next calf. We currently have some in stock at the clinic and if you are interested please talk to your veterinarian to see if this product would be a good fit for your operation.

## **Disinfecting Calf Feeding Equipment and Premises using Chlorine Dioxide**

Aqua Tab 20g(chlorine dioxide) is a great disinfectant that is effective against cryptosporidium, Johne’s, mycoplasma and other common disease causing organisms. It may be used daily in the face of a cryptosporidia problem in calves or weekly as a control measure. This new product can be used on feeding equipment as well as housing such as hutches.

Below you will find some directions for using this product:

- Dissolve the solid tablet in room temperature water. One tablet makes 5 gallons of 100ppm solution appropriate for disinfecting calf equipment and premises.
- For small objects (bottles, tube feeders, pails) after thorough washing submerge them in the solution for 1 full minute in order to destroy live organisms.
- For larger objects after thorough washing fill them with the solution and let it soak for a minimum of one minute.
- After premises are cleaned to remove as much organic material as possible the solution can be sprayed on surfaces until they are soaked and the solution runs freely.
- It is not necessary to rinse after disinfecting.
- Tablets are available individually (\$5 each) or in packets of 20.

For more information about this product stop into the clinic or speak to your veterinarian.

## **Spring's Around the Corner !**

Now is a great time to start thinking and discussing vaccines with your veterinarian. Remember, if it is the first time the animal has ever been vaccinated, with most vaccines they must receive a booster 2-4 weeks after the initial vaccination. Some animals may have an acute anaphylactic reaction to the vaccine components, so be sure to keep Epinephrine on hand just in case. If you have any questions or would like us to design specific protocols for your herds, talk with your veterinarian. It's a great time to discuss if you herds' vaccine needs have changed? Everyone's busy these days, if vaccinating your herd just isn't something you have time to do, we would be happy to do it for you.

### **Wanted:**

Small Square bales (about 60) of 2<sup>nd</sup> crop hay – call 716-652-4676

### **For Sale:**

Urban Milk Shuttle – Model 250

Very good condition \$5,000

Contact Jim Woods @ 585-591-9115

## **840 RFID Tags from New York State**

New York State has 840 RFID tags that they will provide to producers at no cost. You must fill out a form and sent it in. We have them at our front desk, visit our website for it [www.atticacows.com](http://www.atticacows.com), or send an e-mail to request it – [atticavettech@yahoo.com](mailto:atticavettech@yahoo.com).

