

Attica Veterinary Associates, PC

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New Cellphone and Order Options

In order to streamline order fulfillments, we have a new email address – avacattitek@icloud.com. Please allow at least 12-24 hours for fulfillment. We also have a new cell phone at the front desk – 585-356-3420. Please let the front desk staff know if you would prefer a call or text notification for routine reminders and confirmations.

Fair Season is in Full Swing!

A few things to remember when headed to fair:

- Double check ear tags and make sure none are missing. If you are missing any or have added any additional tags, please call the clinic ASAP.
- Don't forget your health papers at home, they are your ticket in!
- Keep a close eye on your animals; they're in a new place and have an adjustment period
- Water water water! Fair barns can be HOT, make sure your animals have water available 24/7
- Be safe and have fun!

Good luck to everyone headed to shows throughout the fair season! Don't forget to send us your pictures, we'd love to see you in the ring!

For Sale

- Cows, feed, and equipment for sale. Please call Fred Bowman at 585-993-1784.
- John Deere 336 Baler 30 kicker, string. \$5800. Call Robert Koithan at (716)-807-1965

Ideas for Reducing the Effects of Heat Street in Our Calves

The combined effect on calves of both high summer temperatures and high humidity are not good.

They include:

- Reduced feed intake – especially calf starter grain
- Increased energy used for maintenance – more standing, higher respiration rates
- Lower levels of immunity to pathogen challenges

For a comprehensive review on heat stress in dairy calves, use your phone or computer to check out Penn State's Review on Heat Stress in Dairy Calves. Highlights of the review include strategies for increasing shade, increasing air turnover, offering plenty of water, keeping grain fresh, using inorganic bedding, working with calves before temperatures rise, and feeding more milk replacer.

Consider Feeding More Milk Replacer!

If you are currently feeding two quarts of either milk or milk replacer twice daily, your calves are being shortchanged. Dealing with heat stress uses up a lot of energy. We do not have hard numbers to tell us exactly how much more milk/milk replacer to feed.

Nevertheless, boosting calves' energy intake through milk/milk replacer can be a workable way to get more groceries into young calves. Practical ways to do this include:

- Increasing volume of whole milk fed – move up 1 quart per feeding is an example
- For milk replacer, increase volume fed OR
- For milk replacer, bump up from 8oz of powder per 2 quarts (12% solids) to 10oz per 2 quarts (15% solids)

If, however, every time you try to increase the volume fed you observe an increase in treatable scours, then you need to check out this resource in our calf management resource library – “Feeding more milk without scours.” {See “Atticacows.com/library/newsletters/}