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Newsletter – January 2022

Welcome to Our New Veterinarian:

We would like to welcome Dr. Benjamin Kenney as a new veterinarian to our practice. Dr. Ben grew up on a dairy farm in central Maine. He then attended the University of Maine for his undergrad and graduated from vet school at the University of Prince Edward Island. He moved to western New York after vet school and now lives in Geneseo with his wife, 2 dogs, 2 miniature goats and a menagerie of cows. His professional interests are in Embryo transfer, IVF, small ruminant and herd health. His hobbies include hiking, woodworking and spoiling his cows. Since vet school, Dr. Ben has worked in private practice and the advanced reproductive field. We are very excited that he is joining us and know that you will make him feel welcome.



2021 Year Summaries

A 2021 year end summary of services provided (labeled “Treatments”) and items purchased are included with your January 2022 statement. These summaries can be added to find the total veterinary cost billed for the year. If you did not receive one of these and would like one, then please e-mail our accounting staff: ratticav@rochester.rr.com.

Product Update:

Zoetis will no longer be producing the intramammary treatment Pirsue. If you have questions about different treatments options / protocols please discuss it with your veterinarian. If you have some Pirsue that the expiration date is still good you are fine to use it, they are just discontinuing the product.

Cold Weather Adaptations

Winter finally showed up - complete with cold, wind, and snow. Animals, especially young calves and animals fed lean diets, are using more energy to maintain their normal body temperature. Energy contributes to maintenance or weight gain and immune system function. Shivering may be an indication that an animal is too cold and is a waste of precious energy. The following are some cold weather strategies to help maintain or gain weight in the face of extreme weather:

Feeding Strategies:

- Increase frequency – add a third feeding for calves
- Increase calories – feed calorie dense feeds such as extra grain or corn

Housing Strategies:

- Decrease drafts
- Bedding must be dry – wet bedding may actually wick heat from calves
- Provide deep bedding for nesting
- Remove snow accumulation from hutches

Supplemental Heat Strategies:

- Blankets help insulate calves. Blankets must be clean and dry and applied only to dry calves.
- Newborns lose heat the fastest due to their surface area to volume ratio. Heat lamps or warming rooms for newborn calves may reduce heat loss. Please be careful with heat sources and be sure they are not dusty and have adequate air flow to avoid fires.

Very important - always check waterers to ensure they are still flowing.

Picking Up Supply Orders

Your time is valuable! We don't want you to have to stand around and wait to pick up your supplies if our phones are busy. Please e-mail, text or call your order in ahead of time.

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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, or send an e-mail to request it – atticavettech@yahoo.com.