

# Attica Veterinary Associates

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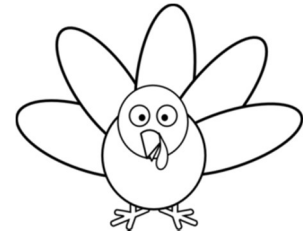
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Newsletter – October 2023

## Updates and Notes:

- Thanksgiving Schedule:
  - ❖ Wed Nov 22 – 7:30AM-5PM
  - ❖ Thurs Nov 23 – Thanksgiving – Closed for routine services
  - ❖ Fri Nov 24 - 7:30AM-5PM



We are available for emergencies 24/7/365 at 585-591-2660. Wishing you a happy and festive Thanksgiving!

- Our text line – 585-356-3420 is for orders only, if you need to schedule an appointment or have an emergency, please call our main office number 585-591-2660.
- BioPRYN samples need to be in the office by noon Tuesday or Thursday to be run that day, with results the following day.
- Want your results delivered by e-mail? Drop us your e-mail address – [atticavettech@yahoo.com](mailto:atticavettech@yahoo.com)
- Thanks to all those that utilized Kunafin, shipments have stopped at this point for the year.
- Headed to a show or sale? Interstate and Intrastate Health papers are good for 30 days from issuance. During fair season there are special allowances from New York State for them to last longer, but only May-Sept. 1st. So if you are going somewhere now, you need a health paper. Be sure to plan ahead and give yourself PLENTY of time, especially if special testing is required.
- When sending in orders, please be sure to include the size of the product you're ordering, we want to ensure you get what you want.



Stay warm & Dry this fall – did you know we carry a wide range of Udder Tech bibs, aprons, sleeves, jackets and more! We have them in many colors and sizes! Come on in and try one on!

As the leaves begin to fall it is a great time to get your fall vaccinations done. Ask your veterinarian what vaccines would be best for your animals. We have many vaccines that have changed or are on back order currently.

Be sure you talk to your vet ahead of ordering to pick what would fit you're herd's needs best.



## Importance of Starter Grain for Winter Feeding

- Calf starter grain is a very concentrated source of energy for calves. Therefore, grain consumption by preweaned calves is very important during fall and winter weather.
- Milk or milk replacer is only 12.5 percent dry matter. Thus, if a calf drinks 6 quarts of milk a day, she consumes 1.6 pounds of dry matter.
- In contrast, calf starter grain is 95 percent dry matter. Thus, if a calf eats 1.7 quarts (about 1.7 pounds) of grain, she consumes 1.6 pounds of dry matter. So, by eating about one and three-quarter quarts of grain a day in addition to her milk, a calf has doubled her dry matter intake.
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- What can we do to encourage grain intake?
- First, make sure it is in front of the calf to be eaten. Avoid empty pails. I recommend having grain in front of calves starting the first week of life. This does not mean filling grain pails with three or four times as much grain as a calf can be expected to consume in a day. Rather, knowing the age of the calves, portion the grain to approximate their daily consumption.
- Second, keep the grain fresh. I like to provide fresh grain daily for all calves less than three weeks of age. All grain pails should be dumped at least weekly in the winter and twice weekly during warm weather. Unless I am having disease issues, this leftover grain can be fed to older heifers.
- Third, keep the grain loose and easy to eat. Even if no water or milk is mixed in the grain, textured calf starter grain with added molasses needs to be stirred at least daily. That stirring insures that the grain is loose and easy for the calf lick up.
- Daily stirring will also take care of the calf that slops water and/or milk into her grain. The frozen grain/water mix gets dumped out and replaced with loose, palatable grain. This step is necessary even if pelleted grain is fed.
- Fourth, if practical, consider separating liquid and grain feeding pails. There is clear evidence that providing separation promoted greater and more consistent grain consumption for preweaned calves. For pictures of possible arrangements, go to [www.atticacows.com](http://www.atticacows.com), click on Calf Facts and scroll to “Water Grain Separation Pictures.”

