

## Welcome Laura

Vet4Farm are pleased to welcome Laura Holzmann to the team. Laura comes to us with 4 years of dairy farming experience in Southland and a veterinary qualification from Argentina. Laura will be working as part of our team of rural animal technicians and will be the key technician in charge of delivery of products to farm.

## Shop Open Hours

Things are hectic over spring, but it wouldn't be spring without a bit of crazy. Vet4Farm will be doing our best to have staff when and where you need us. Our plan is to have staff at our branches at the following times:

Bond St Invercargill is open 8.30am to 5pm Mon – Fri

“The Store” Centre Bush is open 1pm to 5 pm Mon – Thurs

Palmerston St Riverton is open 1pm to 5pm Mon – Thurs

Please remember that often our staff will be out working on farms so it will not always be possible to have each branch “manned” in the way we would like... so it is always best to call ahead on 0800 838432

(0800 VET4FARM)

## Friday Deliveries

Vet4Farm has free delivery on farm every Friday. To ensure that you get what you need before each weekend please place your order by 12pm on Thursdays on 0800 838432. We will also be sending out text reminders on Wednesdays so if you don't receive a text please contact us to make sure you are on our text list.

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## To Do List:

1. Say hi to Laura when you see her
2. Check you are on our text list
3. Order your calf rearing essentials
4. Register for Best Practice Calf Debudding
5. Book for Blood Testing
6. Book for Body Condition Scoring
7. Email us your herd NAIT tag data

# Calf Rearing Essentials

## Rotagen Combo



Rotagen Combo is a non-antibiotic aid for the prevention and treatment of the common causes of calf scours. It is a mixture of spray dried egg powder and specific immunoglobulins. The base "Combo" product contains antibodies for Rotavirus 6 & 10 with the other antibodies added as required (Cryptosporidia, Salmonella typhimurium, E.coli, Coronavirus).

When used as a preventative the dose is 10grams daily for 5 days.

When used as a treatment the dose is 20grams on the first day then 10 grams daily for 3 days.

The powder can be added to calf milk or drenched. We recommend individual dosing to ensure each calf gets the correct amount. This can be done by drenching individually or adding to individual compartments in calf feeders. Keep the mixture suspended by agitating regularly.

Scouring calves also require appropriate rehydration. We recommend Enerlect electrolytes as a highly effective and great value for money rehydration product.



## Enerlect Electrolytes

Enerlect is a high energy source that also supplies all the important electrolytes lost during diarrhoea caused by infectious agents or due to a nutritional imbalance. Enerlect also acts to correct the acidosis that is a common feature of serious diarrhoea in calves. Enerlect has higher levels of energy than most other electrolyte replacers on the market. Enerlect has been developed to better meet the needs of scouring calves.

## Vetsan "Super" Concentrate

A concentrated virucide, biocide and deodoriser for all surfaces on farm, veterinary clinics, laboratories and medical facilities. Ideal for on-farm use in farm sheds and animal housing such as calf pens. Chlorine dioxide has virucidal and biocidal activity, in addition to killing algae and some fungi. It acts to disrupt the cell membrane of the micro-organism so any contact will be effective regardless of concentration or contact time. Breakdown products are non-toxic or carcinogenic and Vetsan can be sprayed over humans and animals without harmful effects. It is ideal for use in calf pens as it can be sprayed over sick animals. Vetsan is active against all the important pathenogenic micro-organisms that can cause calf scours;

- Rotavirus
- Cryptosporidia
- Salmonella
- E coli
- Coronavirus



# *Best Practice Calf Debudding... Why Wouldn't You?*

At Vet4Farm we feel pretty strongly that if there is a pain-free way of doing something then surely that is the best way to do it. Then we hear the excuses:

- *"What about the extra expense?"*
- *"The payout is down... we have to save money?"*
- *"It takes too long and I don't have time"*
- *"They don't feel pain for long"*

So we have made it really easy! **\$4.50 + gst per calf**

Our technicians will debud your calves using sedation, local anaesthetic, hot iron, and anti-inflammatories. All you have to do is provide the calves in groups of approx 20 in dry, secure pens, and not feed them that morning.

We will also give you a vetpoints rebate on your drycow bill! A great price and it couldn't be easier!

Once you have experienced calf debudding this way you won't go back to how you did it before... as one of our clients said *"it was so quiet and pain-free and they weren't head shy afterwards"*

The science is also very robust... it is clear that a calf that is debudded without any anaesthetic or sedation suffers significant pain during the debudding procedure and for a number of hours after the procedure is finished. It is also clear that completing the procedure with anaesthetic and anti-inflammatories removes the pain.

Every year more farms are doing Best Practice Calf Debudding so if you want to "do right by your calves" (at no additional cost to yourself) then you need to register with Vet4Farm as soon as possible so we can book your debudding days in advance.

## *Blood Testing*

We recommend testing your cow's minerals levels 3 times per year:

1. Bloods in spring to check Selenium, Copper, B12, Magnesium and Potassium
2. Bloods pre-mating to check Selenium, Copper and B12
3. Livers on cull cows pre-winter to check Selenium and Copper

## *Body Condition Scoring*

The body condition that cows calve in has a very large impact on their susceptibility to metabolic diseases, their ability to produce and most importantly their fertility that season. We recommend you get independent Body Condition Scoring done on your herd at 4 key times; Precalving, Premating, Late Summer, Mid Autumn.

## *NAIT Tag Scanning*

During the winter we have purchased a NAIT tag scanner. This means that when we examine and treat groups of cows on your property (eg Cows treated for Endometritis, or Non-cyclers) we will now be able to scan the identity of these cows and email this information to you to include in your MINDA records. It will also mean that it will now become simple to identify cows that receive multiple treatments for these conditions, allowing you to consider this information when making culling/keeping decisions.

To make the process of scanning the identity of your cows faster and easier it is best if we can come to the farm with your herd's data preloaded into our wand. This means when we scan a particular cow her visual tag data will already be there to confirm rather than load at that time. To do this all we need you to do is email us your herd list with matching NAIT tags and visual tags and we will take it from there.

# Recommended Spring Drenching



## Drench Details

**Boss Pour On** is a dual active combination pour on containing abamectin and levamisole. It has 42 days meat withholding and 35 days milk withholding. The dose rate is 1ml per 20kg. It also has a rain resistant claim meaning you can drench before or after the rain. Perfect for visiting the young stock at grazing.

**Epimax** is a eprinomectin pour on (same active ingredient as in Eprinex) with both nil milk, meat and bobby withholding making it ideal for drenching cows and heifers as they return from grazing, particularly if they have received no lice treatments over the winter. Dose rate is 1ml per 10kg.

**Nexepirin Injection** is a combination low dose injectable drench containing eprinomectin and vitamin E. It has nil milk withholding but 14 days meat withholding, ideal for use after calving. Dose rate is 1ml per 100kg. For a limited time when you purchase 4 x 500ml (400 cows) you will receive a FREE Samsung Galaxy Tab.



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