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Hygiene Hygiene Hygiene!!!

When administering dry cow and particularly Teatseal.

Toxic mastitis is caused by bacteria being pushed up the teat canal.

We recommend ALL people involved in administering drycow watch this short video:

<http://dairywellness.co.nz/dry-cow-therapy/best-practice-administration.html>

We are available to come out on farm to demonstrate appropriate technique. Just give us a call and we can start everyone off or stay and assist for the entire job.

Do Not:

- Rush. Preferably dry off one or two rows each day.
- Have one person cleaning teats and another person following with the drycow, teats can very easily be contaminated in between.
- Have cows rowed up on both sides of the pit. Maintain a clean side.
- Do not spray with meths prior to insertion—this may carry bacteria down to the teat tip.

Do:

- Maintain clean arms and hands
- We recommend the use of cotton balls soaked in meths over teat wipes for the final teat end scrub.
- Keep tubes clean, away from dirty pockets and water.
- Good lighting is critical to check teat ends—headlamps are excellent aids.
- Teat spray and mark the cow as you go.



Neospora Abortion is most common at 5 to 7 months of pregnancy. The infection cycles through dogs so please keep dogs out of paddocks and away from feed stores particularly at this time of year. This is to prevent them eating potentially infected and aborted placentas and preventing defaecation on feed that the cows may ingest. The majority of dogs are seropositive for neospora, therefore ALL dogs should be kept away or contained.

Reduce the Stress—Think About Calf Rearing Now!

The health of a calf in its first few months of life has a hugely significant effect on the productivity and success of that animal for its entire life.

Of particular note are scours outbreaks which can be very difficult to control and are very costly and stressful for the calf rearers.

Most of the issues which lead to calf scours outbreaks are well understood and generally can be avoided, by implementing a few standard management principles.

So this season take a proactive approach to your calf rearing management, not only the prevention of disease but maximizing health, growth and long term gains. Call us for a winter consultation to make sure you are in the best shape to rear healthy calves with minimal problems and to make sure all staff are on the same page.

This involves a farm visit where we will discuss key areas for successful calf rearing. We will identify any potential hazards and help put in a plan of action.

Big Smiles

Three dead bodies turn up at the mortuary, all with very big smiles on their faces. The coroner calls the police to tell them what has happened.

First body: Pierre Dubois, Frenchman, 60, died of heart failure while making love to his 20-year old mistress. Hence the enormous smile, Inspector,' says the Coroner.

'Second body: Hamish Campbell, Scotsman, 25, won £50,000 on the lottery, spent it all on whisky. Died of alcohol poisoning, hence the smile.'

The Inspector asked, 'What about the third body?'

'Ah,' says the coroner, 'this is the most unusual one. Paddy, 30, struck by lightning.'

'Why is he smiling then?' inquires the Inspector

'Thought he was having his picture taken.'



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**Happy (and
safe) duck
shooting!**