

SUMMER 2022



VALLEY VETERINARY CLINIC

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING DATES

JULY 4TH
INDEPENDENCE DAY - OFFICE
CLOSED

JULY 12TH
COW APPRECIATION DAY

JULY 20-24TH
OUTAGAMIE FAIR

AUGUST 15-21ST
BROWN COUNTY FAIR

AUGUST 18-21ST
OCONTO COUNTY FAIR

AUGUST 25TH-28TH
MARINETTE COUNTY FAIR

AUGUST 31-SEPT 5TH
SHAWANO COUNTY FAIR

SEPTEMBER 5TH
LABOR DAY - OFFICE CLOSED

VVC ANNIVERSARIES

KIM WERTZ - 2 YEARS
DAWN WAGNER - 4 YEARS
KENDRA WELLS - 4 YEARS
BRIAN STAMPFL - 5 YEARS
JULIE MARCKS - 6 YEARS
RACE PRICE - 7 YEARS
JENNY BREUTZMANN - 8 YEARS
MARK SAUDER - 10 YEARS
STEVE COVE - 16 YEARS
TERRY HOMAN - 26 YEARS
JACK HANSEN - 44 YEARS

NEWS & UPDATES

Welcoming Our New Team Members

We are happy to welcome 4 new team members to Valley Vet including Dr. Lucas Heimmermann, Dr. Paolo Tempini, Breanna Fritsch & Diane LaVarda. Please see the back side for more about them!

VVC Hosts First Summer Intern

As we strive to teach the younger generations about veterinary practice, you may have seen some new faces recently. Year-round we host veterinary students to shadow our veterinarians for a couple weeks at a time, but this year we hosted our first intern - Mary Jo Cody. Mary Jo had an 8 week internship mainly focused on weighing calves.



Mary's project also included a sanitation audit, and an overall in-depth look at different calf programs and housing styles. The project aimed to give clients their cost per pound of gain through the weaning period. Mary has also been able to ride along with Dr. Kendra Wells to learn about thoracic lung ultrasounding and its importance of early detection of respiratory disease in calves. After wrapping up her time at VVC, Mary will return to UW Madison School of Veterinary Medicine to complete her final two years of vet school.

June Dairy Month

Thank you to all the farms who hosted a breakfast on the farm this year including Brickstead Dairy - Brown County, Finger Family Farm - Marinette County, Blaser Farms - Oconto County & Van Rossum Dairy - Outagamie County & Kinnard Highland Farm - Kewaunee County!

County Fair Time!

County fair season is almost here! Just a friendly reminder, especially if you are showing swine, to check your county fair's showing regulations. Many county fairs require swine exhibitors to have a health certificate from a veterinarian and/or testing done. Good luck to all exhibitors this year!



Dr. Lucas Heimmermann

Dr. Lucas grew up outside of Hortonville on his parents' farm. They raise beef cattle, meat chickens and pigs that are direct marketed. Dr. Lucas attended UW-River Falls for his undergraduate degree and graduated from UW-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine in 2022. Throughout his schooling Dr. Lucas developed a deep passion for the dairy industry. He is particularly interested in milk quality, calf lung ultrasound, and dairy records analysis. He is looking forward to working with the knowledgeable and passionate farmers of Northeast Wisconsin. In his time outside of the clinic, Dr. Lucas enjoys hunting deer and turkeys, helping out at his parents farm, and watching the Packers.

Dr. Paolo Tempini

Dr. Paolo is originally from Northern Italy. After spending his clinical year at Cornell University in New York, he graduated from the University of Parma, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine. He worked in private practice in Italy for two years before moving to the United States for advanced training. Dr. Paolo completed a residency in Livestock Reproduction and Herd Health at the University of California Davis. As part of the residency program, he was trained in embryo transfer and other advanced reproductive technologies for all livestock species, including cattle, small ruminants, and swine. He also completed a Master in Preventive Veterinary Medicine (MPVM), which reinforced the use of epidemiology, applied biostatistics, and on-farm data for managing large California dairies.

Following academia, he worked as a private practice dairy veterinarian in Eastern New Mexico and Northwest Texas. Dr. Paolo moved to Wisconsin in 2019 where he worked as a solo private practitioner in Lena for three years before joining Valley Veterinary Clinic. Dr. Paolo has a passion for helping dairy farms by employing his advanced clinical techniques and affinity for evidence-based medicine in order to solve herd-level problems. He lives in Peshtigo with his wife, who is also a veterinarian.

Breanna Fritsch

Breanna joined VVC as a genetic technician in May 2022. She recently graduated from UW-River Falls with a Dairy Science degree and Ag Business minor. She lives in Freedom, WI where she and her family own and operate Two Guernsey Girl Creamery. She has spent her life around cows and animals and continues to spend time outside of work helping with the creamery. Breanna's excited to see what the future holds for her at VVC!

Diane LaVarda

Diane joined VVC as our Lena office customer service specialist in May 2022. Diane currently lives in her hometown of Lena where she attended school from kindergarten through graduation. She has spent the last 14 years working at Dair-Ray Vet clinic and before that owned and operated an Auto Service business with her husband for 25 years. She also works as a limo driver most weekends. Diane loves to stay busy outside of work by gardening and quilting. She's passionate about enjoying life, because in her words "it's going way too fast". This year, she's celebrating 45 years of marriage with her husband and high school soulmate. Diane and her husband enjoy camping and fishing together. They have two children, Rebecca and Jessica, and two granddaughters, Jazmyne and Jordyn, who are the loves of their lives.