

FALL 2022



VALLEY VETERINARY CLINIC

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING DATES

OCTOBER 16TH - OCTOBER 22ND
NATIONAL VET TECH WEEK

OCTOBER 31ST
HALLOWEEN

NOVEMBER 6TH
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

NOVEMBER 11TH
VETERANS DAY

NOVEMBER 24TH
THANKSGIVING
(CLINIC WILL BE CLOSED)

DECEMBER 24TH
CHRISTMAS EVE
(CLINIC WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 12)

DECEMBER 25TH
CHRISTMAS DAY

JANUARY 1ST
NEW YEARS DAY
(CLINIC WILL BE CLOSED)

VVC ANNIVERSARIES

ELISABETH JESKE - 1 YEAR
BRIAN GRANDAW - 4 YEARS
ABBEY HOLTZ - 6 YEARS
JON GARBER - 9 YEARS
FRED BALLWEG - 13 YEARS
CINDA HERMAN - 42 YEARS

NEWS & UPDATES

Welcome Dr. Mike Dupor!

We are excited to welcome Dr. Mike Dupor to our team of 16 veterinarians!



Dr. Mike grew up in Oshkosh and Madison. He attended UW- LaCrosse for his undergraduate degree before completing his DVM at UW- Madison in 2020. He spent two years in dairy practice in northern Indiana and southern Michigan before returning to Wisconsin to join the team at Valley Veterinary Clinic. He has a passion for helping dairies improve, particularly in calf health. After work, Dr. Mike can be found kayaking, brewing beer or cheering on his Green Bay Packers.

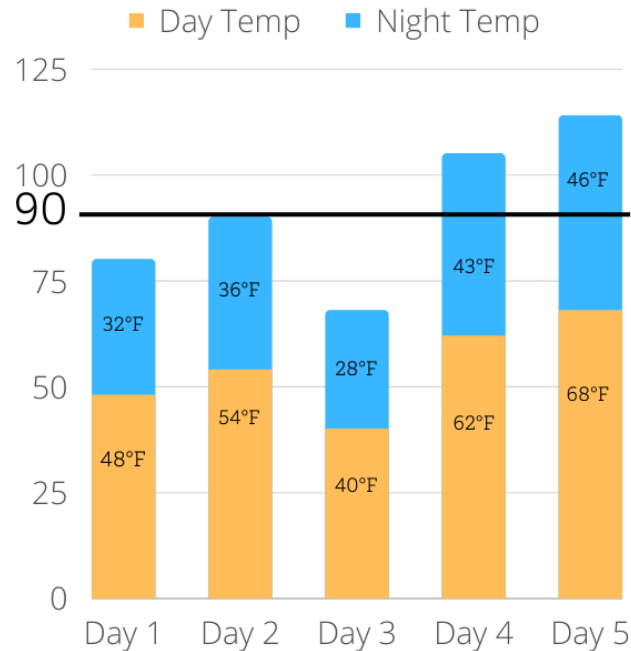
Tornado in Seymour

On Wednesday night of June 15th, an EF1 tornado touched down in Seymour. The tornado caused quite a bit of damage in the area with wind speeds at 86-110mph. Many local farms, the community, and our clinic were without power for 4 - 5 days; plus various roads were closed down with debris and down power lines. We are very grateful that our clinic had very little damage and that most farms in the area were affected minimally. We are also thankful for everyone's patience during this time as we managed to stay open with little-to-no cell phone reception, no computers, and no AC for much longer than expected!



Calf Coats '90 Rule'

- Add the day time and night time temperature for the day!
- If they add up to 90 or less, it is time to put coats on calves less than 3 weeks of age.
- Days 1, 2 & 3 are examples of days to put on those calf coats!
- Days 4 & 5 are good days to keep them off!



Are You the One-and-Doner or the Calf-Coat Fashionista?

Written By: Dr. Kendra Wells

How many of you have gotten up, stepped outside, and instantly turned around to grab another sweatshirt recently? Yep, me too. This always makes me question if it is time to put coats on calves. After discussing with Ann Hoskins from VitaPlus, a good number to keep in mind is '90.' Not 90 degrees, but the sum of day and night temperatures. If they add up to 90 or less, it is time to put coats on calves less than three weeks of age. The calf's thermoneutral zone is 55°F - 77°F meaning that they become cold-stressed in temperatures less than 55°F and become heat-stressed in temperatures greater than 77°F. Younger calves, who are our target coat audience, prefer temperatures approaching 77°F.

So, should you be putting coats on yet? The answer depends on your calf management style including personal preferences and management techniques. If you are a calf-coat one-and-doner (defined as once they go on, I'm not taking them off until they grow out of it), it probably isn't time to put calf coats on yet. We have had some chillier mornings, but the days do warm up enough that we haven't been consistently at our golden 90 and under number. If you're a calf-coat fashionista (defined as you will put them on and take them off multiple times in a day if needed) and your calves live in a housing type that is seeing temperatures less than 55°F, it probably isn't a bad idea to dress them warmly at night. However, when the day warms up into their warm zone, it is very important to get that coat off so they don't overheat.

If you have any questions related to housing temperatures, Valley Veterinary Clinic is happy to help. We have rentable units called HOBOS which take continuous temperature readings throughout the day for multiple days. After data collection is complete, it downloads to a simple graph on your phone which shows the variation in temperature in your housing area.

The bottom line is that we care about calf health and want to support you in your calf health adventures. Whether you're a one-and-doner or a calf-coat fashionista, there is a guide for when to begin and when to quit.