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VALLEY VETERINARY CLINIC

FALL 2023 NEWSLETTER



VVC Anniversaries

Kendall Kasper - 1 year
Elisabeth Jeske - 2 years
Brian Grandaw - 5 years
Fred Ballweg - 14 year
Steve Cove - 17 years
Cinda Herman - 43 years

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After Hours

Both phone numbers will connect
you to the vet on call

WELCOME NIKKI - RECEPTIONIST

Nikki Olson joined our office staff this past June as our receptionist! You will likely talk to Nikki on the phone when you contact our main office or see her face at the front desk in Seymour!

Nikki grew up in Suring, WI and is now currently living in Little Suamico with her 3 daughters and husband. Nikki enjoys working with people, and has several years of banking and customer service experience. Outside of work, she enjoys being outdoors, traveling with her family, reading, fishing, and bear hunting.



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



This summer was the first year of the VVC Fair Scholarship. Applicants could pick between two separate tiers based on age. Tier 1 included all children up to age 14. Tier 2 included individuals 15 years and older. The tier 2 application required more input from individuals, but they were eligible to receive a larger scholarship than tier 1 students. Individuals were asked to submit an application and a picture of them and their fair animal(s).



Applications were accepted from seven different county fairs. Twenty individuals received tier 2 scholarships, including: Phoenix Seubert, Charlie Tauchen, Grace Seefeldt, Gracie Ziegler, Kaylee Ferfecki, Nathan Seitz, Thea Tauchen, Braxton Darga, Julia Gawryleski, Cadyn Voight, Chaela Rabas, Kelli Posbrig, Thayne Bjelland, Amber Seitz, Mackenzie Carlson, Abby Charapata, Delaney Debauch, Braden Bjelland, Courtney Bunnell, and Makala Paalman. Over 50 tier 1 scholarships were awarded as well.



We are so proud of the youth in agriculture and we cannot wait to continue to support them now and in the future! If you have further interest or questions, please visit our website at www.vvcvets.com or see our Facebook page.



2023 VALLEY VET INTERNSHIP WHAT CALCIUM PILLS ARE BEST?

Summer 2023 brought about many new faces for VVC with one of those being Mikayla Ringelberg, our summer intern. Mikayla is a third-year veterinary student at Ontario Veterinary College. She spent ten weeks at VVC completing a project on comparing the efficacy between four different calcium boluses.

The study was designed to randomly assign one of four boluses to different cows. All boluses were given immediately after calving. 57 cows at five different farms were enrolled. Blood samples were taken at calving, then at 1, 6, ±12, and ±24 hours post-calving, with a total of 235 blood samples taken. Subclinical milk fever was diagnosed at a calcium level of ≤ 8 mg/dL (based on University of Kentucky guidelines). Among all boluses, all cows were on average at a normal calcium level at the time of calving. Overall, due to the small sample size, we can't make any large conclusions between different products used. The most interesting findings showed that ~55% of sampled cows at 24 hours post-calving had subclinical milk fever. This supports giving a second bolus between 12-24 hours post-calving regardless of which product is used on farm. It even appears that waiting until 24 hours would be nearly "too late" in avoiding subclinical milk fever. No clinical milk fever (down cow) was evaluated in this project.

If you are interested in learning more, please call the clinic and we would be happy to talk to you!



FLY CONTROL PRODUCTS



Fly season is winding down, but we want to share some options that VVC has to offer for next year's fly control program. Stable and House are the two species of flies that irritate our animals (and ourselves). House flies feed on organic matter, whereas Stable flies feed on blood meals. Both can be controlled by the following methods:

1. Keeping the facility clean -

Remove organic matter as needed and keep weeds/grasses mowed down. The goal is to reduce breeding sites for the flies. (Cleaner the facility = less flies)

2. Clarifly and Neporex -

Are examples of larvicides that will prevent the fly eggs from maturing. You will need to start EARLY in the fly season with these products, because once the adult population is established it will be difficult to get back under control.

3. Baits (dry and liquid) are effective against house flies.

Large variety is available and it is recommended to rotate periodically to prevent resistance. Stable flies feed on blood meals so baits will not control this species.

4. Natural pyrethrin's have shown to be an effective on-animal spray -

Product can be sprayed directly on livestock of all ages. Several different products are available and the product choice is dependent on the challenges your facility is experiencing.

Fly control is not easy, but with the correct plan you can control fly pressure efficiently and affordably.

Please reach out to us EARLY next season and we will do our best to help out.

We want to
hear from you!



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