



Leatherstocking Veterinary Services

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Early pregnancy detection with ultrasound

Pregnancy rates in most of our dairies using conventional breeding programs runs 15-17%. By using early pregnancy detection combined with aggressive breeding programs we have driven pregnancy rates up as high as 30% on some dairies. By using a portable ultrasound, we can successfully detect pregnancies as early as 26 days. At the same time, on open cows, the ultrasound can be used to detect ovarian activity and make a judgement on which synchronization protocol to use. Dr. Johnson has been using the ultrasound to stage ovaries and if appropriate administer prostaglandin instead of following a traditional OvSynch protocol. Early

results are showing no difference in conception rates and a gain of 7 days on days open on those cows. The ultrasound fits into the management of both large and small herds. On our large dairies on weekly or every other week herd checks, we can check for pregnancy at least 2 weeks earlier than with hand palpating. On smaller herds, we are setting batches of cows up on synch programs and then setting herd check dates to check for pregnancy as early as possible. All of our vets carry portable machines with them. Feel free to call the office and ask any of the vets about how the use of ultrasound could help your herd.

Drop ship program

For some time now we have been drop shipping drugs at a reduced price to a few select clients. We are prepared to offer the program to all clients in good standing. Drugs can be direct shipped to your farm from our distributor. Generally you will receive them on the next business day if your order is placed before 2 pm. There is free shipping for orders over \$250. Drop ship clients will be set up with a separate account just for drop ships. The 10% early pay discount will not apply to your drop ship account. Both of your accounts must be paid by the discount date in order for you to still benefit from the program. If you have any questions or to start using the program, ask any of the vets or talk to Sandy McGuire at our office.

Pulse Vaccination Gun

We have recently acquired a pulse needleless vaccination gun. This is a great tool for mass vaccination of cattle without the use of a needle. It uses compressed CO2 to drive the vaccine through the skin and into the muscle. We are lending the gun out to larger dairies to use, and we are using it ourselves when we vaccinate a herd. Our one requirement for using it is that any product that you put through the gun must be purchased from us. Unfortunately these guns are not for sale and can only be leased through a vaccine company. If you would like to see a demonstration or to set up a time to use it, please call our office.

Welcome Caitlin McIntosh, D.V.M.

Leatherstocking Veterinary Services is happy to welcome Caitlin McIntosh, DVM to our team. Caitlin started in mid-July.

She has been at Leatherstocking several times and has already met many of you and your animals. Caitlin is interested in both equine and bovine medicine and has become a great addition to the clinic. Cait lives with her husband

Mike and their dogs in New Berlin.

On Saturday October 3 from 10 am to 2 pm we will be having an open house at the clinic to welcome Cait, and also give people a chance to come, ask questions, and visit the clinic. Previous open houses have been a great success and we are always happy to have everyone come, meet our staff and see our facilities.



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