

Viking Veterinary Clinic

Vaccine/Herd Health Protocol

Spring 2015

Vaccines

Neonatal Calves

- Vista Once is our recommendation for respiratory disease on calves older than 7 days
- Vision 8 Somnus -to protect against Clostridial diseases as well as Hemophilus somnus
- Covexin Plus- also protects against Clostridial including Tetanus

Cows

These vaccines help to protect the unborn calf from viral disease like BVD & IBR as well as the cow from reproductive diseases.

- Pre-breeding: Express 5 Somnugen (MLV)
- Post-breeding: Virashield (killed)

Bulls

Treat your bulls the same as your cow herd. Remember to boost their Clostridial protection (**Covexin Plus**) once every other year to keep your herd Blackleg free.

Consider giving Fusogard for footrot protection and Cylence for flies and mosquitos. Initial dose can be given at semen test (for naïve bulls) and booster should be given 4 weeks after.

Don't forget to semen test. We can accommodate 4-6 bulls in clinic depending on size but will do on farm testing as well.

Please call the clinic regarding any questions you may have or to book your appointment. We are happy to help you!

Our regular hours are 8:30am – 4:30pm
Monday to Friday.

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Dr. Maxwell & Dr. Fowler

Safeguard Deworming on Pasture

In recent years there has been concern about growing resistance of internal parasites to pour- on ivermectins. Safeguard is a powder dewormer that can be added to loose salt or top dressed on grain. This product can be given at turn out on summer pasture then repeated after 6 weeks on grass. This protocol dramatically reduces the parasite burden of the cows, which then limits calf exposure to parasites. Studies have shown that deworming cows at pasture with Safeguard can increase calf weaning weight by 18.2lbs!

We can perform fecal flotations in clinic to assess the parasite burden in your herd. Typically we would need feces from 10% of the animals in your herd to assess their parasite burden. (i.e- 10 fecal samples per 100hd)

Calving Season Checklist

- ✓ Vaccine
- ✓ Tags (dangle & RFID)
- ✓ Vitamin AD & Selenium
- ✓ Colostrum & Milk Replacer
- ✓ Bottles & Nipples
- ✓ Fluid Feeders
- ✓ Chains
- ✓ OB Sleeves
- ✓ Broad spectrum anti-biotic
(Talk to Doctor about different medications)
- ✓ Scour Boluses
- ✓ Kaolin Pectin
- ✓ Castration Pliers & Rings
- ✓ Dehorning Paste