



PNEUMONIA AND SCOURS

WHAT EVERY FARMER NEEDS TO KNOW THIS CALVING SEASON

Calving season can be exciting, but it's also a time to stay on high alert for common health issues like pneumonia and scours.

Pneumonia often sneaks up with signs like rapid breathing, nasal discharge, fever, or just a tired, sluggish calf. It can spread quickly, but with a few prevention methods you can help keep it under control.

1. **good vaccination protocol**
2. **ensuring good barn ventilation**
3. **reducing stress**
4. **isolating sick animals**



Scours is another challenge to watch for. Loose stools, lethargic calves, sunken eyes, and weakness are all common signs of scour issues. Prevention starts with:

1. **good vaccination protocol**
2. **clean calving pens and housing**
3. **high-quality colostrum at birth**

These small steps go a long way toward healthy calves and a successful recovery.

Don't wait—call your veterinarian. Establishing a good prevention and management protocol can make all the difference in keeping your operation running smoothly.

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" ~Benjamin Franklin

FAQ: What is VCPR?

VCPR = Vet-Client-Patient Relationship

VCPRs are the foundation of great veterinary care. It means your veterinarian has a thorough understanding and knowledge of your animal's medical history, health status and management system. In order to establish a VCPR an yearly examination of your pet or herd need to be done by a licensed Veterinarian. This allows them to provide personalized guidance, treatments, and prescribe medications. Without an active VCPR, your vet cannot make medical decisions and recommendations for you and your animals; It's important to keep this relationship up-to-date with annual visits to ensure your animals get the best care possible.



CLIENT SPOTLIGHT



~King Stone

"Dr. Liz and her amazing staff absolutely ROCK!! They know your animal by name as they walk thru the waiting room and always stop to say hi. I have never felt more welcome or looked after at any other clinic. The entire staff is very knowledgeable and friendly. Well done everyone!!"