



TOPVETS

Moosletter

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Milk Inhibitory substance testing

We are currently running 2 QCONZ approved inhibitory substance testing machines at the clinic.

The most accurate test is the Delvo test, but it has the disadvantage of having to incubate the milk for 3 hours.

Fonterra has approved the use of the short acting Charm test in cases where the Milk tanker is on its way and time is of the essence.

Please advise us on the phone as to what antibiotic drug is potentially contaminating the vat milk, and how critical the time factor is.

Ensure that the vat sample is a representative sample of the whole vat i.e. NOT the first milk out of the tap. Run a few litres out before sampling. We only need a 50ml sample.



Don't you hate going to the doctor and having to tell the whole story again to a new doctor that doesn't know your history?



Well we do – and for that reason we have allocated 1 vet to your farm for the purpose of animal health planning, PAR consultations etc.

It is our goal to get to know your farming operation better with the aim of assisting you in adding value to your business.

Welcome to the August Newsletter for 2013. Calving is in full swing and we've been seeing a few uterine prolapses and ketotic cows.

Lloyd recently attended the annual conference for dairy veterinarians and came away with the latest information on various topics including the latest on Neospora which you can read about in the following article.

Many of you will have already been in to the new clinic on Matthews Ave and seen the new set up.

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Minda Records

Your Minda records provide a wealth of information about the performance of your herd. Allowing your Vet to have access to these records will aid us in adding value to your farm operation.

Your Vet can input your pregnancy testing results onto a Minda mobile unit and directly download them onto the Minda database, saving you considerable time in manually inputting data.

The Minda weights module has proved itself a useful tool in monitoring the growth of a herd's young stock.

If you are not already using Minda weights, we would recommend that you have a look at it.

TopVets have 2 sets of cattle scales for hire at \$20/day.

Fencepost is another useful tool for your Vet to have access to, for the purpose of milk quality and mastitis management.

If you are happy to give your Vet 'view only' access, our Fencepost ID is **300491**.

The Latest on Neospora

Neospora infection is a well known and common cause of abortion in cattle in NZ.



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