

Countryside Veterinary Clinic, LLP

April 2018 Newsletter



“FARM” Program Certification Peter G. Ostrum, DVM

Countryside Veterinary Clinic will be working with our clients to help implement the most recent requirements (version 3.0) of the national “FARM” program. All dairy farms will have to be inspected this year by your milk cooperative/processor “FARM” evaluator. For example, Brian Tabolt will be covering Lowville Farmers Co-Op and Rodney Willson will be inspecting the Boonville Cooperative farms. Written documents that must be in-place prior to inspection include the following:

1. VCPR (Veterinary Client Patient Relationship) form. This needs to be signed by your herd veterinarian and the farms representative. We will be asking our clients to sign Countryside’s specific VCPR.
2. Dairy Cattle Care Ethics Agreement and Cattle Care Training Agreement. All hired farm employees that are responsible for animal care will be required to have documented yearly training. “FARM’s” official website, www.nationaldairyfarm.com is a great resource for training videos for your employees.
3. Herd Health Plan. We are asking that all farms complete their specific herd health plan to the best of their ability. The herd health plan template will be provided to each farm by their cooperative or processor. Your herd veterinarian will then review the plan and provide specific treatment protocol recommendations and other suggestions as needed.

As a reminder, please remember that new tail docking was stopped as of January 2017. Please see the enclosed fact sheet on various methods to switch trimming.

If you have any questions regarding the national “FARM” program, please don’t hesitate to engage with your herd veterinarian. Hopefully we can use this program as an educational tool to better our farms and highlight the importance of sound animal welfare practices to our dairy purchasing consumers.

Mark your calendars!

Relay for Life Auction – FRIDAY May 11th

The only place you can purchase Fair Grandstand passes good for the week!

beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Pavilion at the Lewis County Fairgrounds. (Ridge View Dairy) Food concessions open at 5:00 p.m. Come out and get some great bargains. All money raised goes to American Cancer Society.

Celebrate.

Remember.

Fight Back.

Are your pets up to date on their rabies vaccines?

If not, now is the time to vaccinate them. All pets must be vaccinated, even if indoor pet. If an unvaccinated pet bites- it must be confined for 10 days in an approved kennel/shelter at owners expense. All animals need 2 shots- one year apart, then every 3 years. Lewis County Public Health along with Countryside Veterinary Clinic are holding several rabies clinics throughout the month of May for Dogs, Cats, and Ferrets 3 months of age or older. The clinics are as follows:



Monday – May 7 Constableville Fire Hall 7 – 8 pm
Wednesday – May 9 Copenhagen Fire Hall 7 – 8 pm
Thursday – May 10 Osceola Town Barn 7 – 8 pm
Monday – May 14 Lyons Falls Fire Hall 7 – 8 pm
Wednesday – May 16 Harrisville Fire Hall 7 – 8 pm
Thursday – May 17 New Bremen Fire Hall 7 – 8 pm
Monday – May 21 Lowville Town Barn 7 – 8 pm

Please have all dogs on a leash and cats & ferrets in a carrier or strong pillowcase/sack. Please provide a record of previous vaccination. \$10 donation suggested.

Read our newsletters: Remember that if you spot your name in our newsletter and call us within 5 days of the billing date, we will give you a \$10.00 credit on your bill.