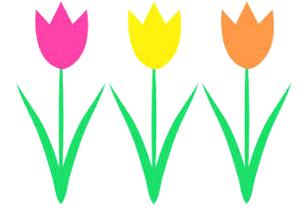
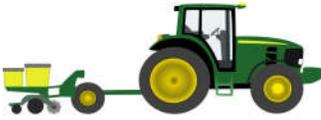


Countryside Veterinary Clinic

May 2018 Newsletter



A sad goodbye and busy extern time

Countryside Veterinary Clinic is sad to announce that Dr. Eileen Balz will be leaving our practice later this month. Eileen has accepted a position with a companion animal practice in the Salem Massachusetts area where she will be closer to her immediate family. Our clinic wishes her all the best as she embarks on a new veterinary path. Her enthusiasm, work ethic and commitment to the veterinary profession will be missed by our staff and clients alike. We are currently interviewing very talented candidates to fill Eileen's vacancy with the intent of hiring this summer.

It appears that spring and summer may finally be here as the days get longer and temperatures start to climb. It truly has been a very long winter. As summer arrives many veterinary student externs will once again be visiting our practice. Typically, students spend between 2 and 4 weeks working with our veterinary staff. Most students are dairy oriented and prefer to be on the road assisting with herd health, disease outbreaks, routine surgeries and farm consultations. During their externship, students live in the apartment above the Lowville clinic and are available to assist our small animal doctors for emergency appointments. Countryside usually hosts 1 to 2 students who are in their third or fourth year of veterinary school at any point in time. Currently, we have students scheduled for the next 12 months. Summer months are especially popular as pre-vet students enrolled in undergraduate studies also like to experience a busy mixed animal practice. Most students are from east coast veterinary schools but as our reputation grows, externs now travel great distances to spend time in the North Country. In addition to hosting US students, European and Canadian students are also frequent visitors. Many students have returned for a second externship to build upon the knowledge generated from their initial visit. While veterinary schools provide the basic framework for a student's education, practices such as ours provide hands-on real life experiences and practical cases that can't be duplicated at the university setting. As we provide training to the next generation of dairy clinicians and consultants, our externs provide us with enthusiasm, stimulating questions and the most recent trends in veterinary education.

Please feel free to engage with our externs as they visit your farm. The knowledge obtained from discussions with herd owners and managers can't be duplicated at school. The ability for students to communicate effectively with our clients is an important skill that we pay great attention to. Two recent students complimented the externship program, commenting how friendly and positive all the dairies they visited were to students. Carroll Farms. Our nationally known student externship program continues to grow in popularity not only because of our veterinarians, but because of our generous and welcoming clients. We appreciate your level of trust and acceptance as students assist us in the coming months.

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**2018 Lewis County Rabies Clinic
Monday - May 21st at
Lowville Town Barn from 7 to 8 p.m.**

All cats should be in carriers or confined in pillowcases. Dogs must be on a leash.



Lewis County Fair: July 17 – 21, 2017

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Reminder - If you're planning to exhibit livestock at county fairs this summer now is the time to have health papers prepared. As specific vaccination and testing requirements must be met, please schedule an appointment with your herd veterinarian as soon as possible.

Entering on-line is easy, makes for more accurate records, and reduces paperwork for fair personal. Visit our website at www.lewiscountyfair.org and click on Premium Book, Rules and Forms and then Online Entry.