

FARM VET NEWS

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Staff News:

Mathew managed to miss work for most of May, first of all suffering a bad back pregnancy testing, then when due back to work his partner Nicky went into labour, they now have a baby girl called Lucy Karen Fisken. weighing 7 pounds.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to new farmers to the area. Its been a great start to June, making some new arrivals not believe the stories of cold wet central plateau weather. Best of wishes for the upcoming milking season.

Moon Ride 2011

On Saturday 14th May the vet club team took part in the 12hr Cat-eye Moonride. The conditions were challenging particularly early in the day. Torrential rain in the night coupled with the 24hr teams efforts had succeeded in creating a sticky quagmire to negotiate before entering the forest. Once in the forest slippery conditions made for slow lap times and mud spattered riders. With darkness falling, the downhill became quite treacherous with several riders making close inspections of the gorse bushes lining the trail. The good turnout made this a memorable event for all with a good social scene as well as some stiff competition for fastest lap. An over the handlebars dismount and encounters with the local shrubs failed to improve lap times for Gus. The fastest lap-times fell to the single speed riders, with both Mark Anderson and Paul Spanbroek posting blistering 28 minute laps.



Teatsealing Heifers

With the long milking season we have had this year spring is now just around the corner, so should you wish to Teatseal heifers this will need to be done in June, as we say to do it from 4 to 6 weeks prior to the start of calving. Using Teat seal in heifers has shown to lower mastitis in heifers by 75 %. This can prevent the development of 3 titters as the loss of a quarter generally happens just after calving.



Should you wish to Teatseal heifers you will need to contact the clinic as we have a lot more customers wanting to do it this year to ensure we can fit you in. On your part the heifers have to be well trained and used to going through the shed. Heifers should have been run through the shed at least 5 times, with each time they go through they should stand for long in the bail and be used to people touching them on the udder.



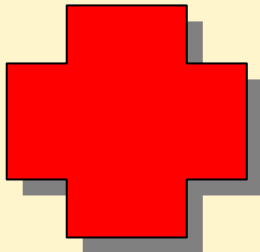
Reminder

Ensure mineral levels of copper and selenium are maintained over the winter, come and see us for either our Agvance Vet club mix or get your own specially prepared mix for your farm.

Vet Club Charity Golf Day 2011

This years charity was the Reporoa Red Cross. With the money raised from the 2 gift baskets in Reporoa and Rotorua, the hole in one on the day and the kind donation of Gary Bouma's major spot prize put up for auction, the Red cross received \$474.00 on the day.

Thank you to the red cross ladies for all their help and support in making the day a great success. Also special thanks to Ross Barker, Phil Rivers & Bruce Putt for ensuring the day ran smoothly.



Another fantastic golf day held at the Waiotapu Golf Club, Reporoa on 18 May 2011. After a cold and windy start the sun appeared to warm us up along with a hearty BBQ feast situated around the course and a few drinks to get us all in the spirit.



50 Golfers ,competed in teams of 3 or 4 , playing Ambrose golf for top honours this year.

Success went to:

Longest drive Men - Kevin Adams

Longest drive Women - Leonie Marsden

Hole in one - Sue McDonald

1st team - Rob Hammond, Dan Hatha-way , Aaron Karaha & Kerry Hirst

Reporoa holds the trophy this year

2nd team - Kena, Jason & Sam

3rd team - Phil, Bruce & Mark



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