

# AABP District News

## Practice Tips and Ideas Advantageous to Bovine Practitioners: Responses to 1977 Survey of AABP District 5

### District V:

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Dr. Lee C. Allenstein, 306 Pleasant St., Whitewater, WI 53190. Use plaster casts on sole ulcers or joint infections of foot. Incorporate both toes; build up the good sole with plaster of paris so one creates a walking cast.

Dr. Eric Bohl, Box 164, Ridgeland, WI 54763. Lepto tips: (1) Any cattle herd that is in contact with horses, draw blood from horse for lepto serology. May show if lepto in the area. (2) Repeat breeders. We infuse antibiotics IU after third or fourth breeding. Draw blood from these for serology. May find lepto titer.

Dr. Harold L. Bristow, Rt. 2, Greenville, IL 62246. For difficult cases of esophageal obstruction (hedge apple, etc.) give 100 mg per 1000 lbs. of Rompun IV. Then pass stomach tube to point of obstruction and pump in 6 oz. of mineral oil. Withdraw tube and wait 15-20 minutes. Pass tube again and obstruction will usually dislodge.

Dr. John C. Byrum, Rt. 1, Twelve Mile, IN 46988. When a uterine torsion is encountered, a laparotomy incision is made on the side the uterus is twisted (clockwise from rear-right side; counterclockwise-left side). Reaching under the uterus it can be easily corrected. The calf can then be born through the normal birth canal. If the calf is too large and is still alive, the incision for a cesarean section is already begun.

Dr. D. J. Carr, Montfort, WI 53569. (1) Use syringe with 1 to 2 cc of Rompun to knock down pasture cattle to treat feet or do obstetrical work where no facilities are available. (2) Seal cow's teats with liquid colloidin when drying up.

Dr. Kenneth R. Cartwright, 1717 Holiday Dr., Janesville, WI 53545. Use a halter with a bull ring tied into it for pulling heads to the side while working alone. Calfjack: have an old OB chain welded to breechen to replace strap.

Dr. Richard L. Ernsberger, P.O. Box 6, Loyal, WI 54446. When operating for LDA's doing the left flank abomasoplexy procedure, if you do not have a qualified helper to identify the proper location for pushing the needles through, use a magic marker to draw a circle where you want to come through, then the farmer can help.



Dr. Alan P. Davis, Box 187, Flanagan, IL 61740. Place a one-way hydraulic on your cattle chute and carry a 10-ft. hose and extra fittings in a plastic pail to raise and lower chute off the farmer's tractor. Four 10 ft. steel gates can be carried on the side of a chute, and palpation cage rides nice in front of the headgate. Drop gate in the center of the chute.

Dr. Robert L. Gay, Box 27, Hortonville, WI 54944. Give 1/4 to 1/3 cc Rompun with 1/2 to 1 cc oxytocin IV two to three minutes prior to any or all teat surgery. Give calcium with some potassium for all milk fevers. I also give vitamins A and D I.M. and have less return calls.

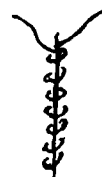
Dr. William J. Greenwald, Rt. 2, Highland, IL 62249 (home); Office: Busmann-Wood-Greenwald Ltd., Rt. 50 West, Breese, IL. To correct torsion of the uterus: Determine which direction the torsion is, i.e., the cow's right or left (most of the one's I have seen have been to the left). Then cast the cow to fall on the side in which the direction of the torsion is present. Place an 8-10 ft. board (2x10 or 2x12 works best) on the paralumbar fossa extending parallel to the legs. While someone stands on the board, the cow is rolled in the direction of the torsion so that the end of the board slides down the fossa, side and belly anterior to the udder. One roll will usually detorsion a uterus and it has never failed for me. If the cervix is closed, a calculated dose of dexamethazone is given to effect dilatation and the cow examined 24 hours later. It may help to understand the procedure if one pictures the uterus as turning (torsion) and the correction as holding the uterus still (with the board) and then turning the cow to catch up with the uterus.

Dr. Richard Houck, Rt. 3, Box 401, Lake Geneva, WI 53147. A simple fast method of doing perineorrhaphy for windsucker cows is:

First step  
Subcutaneous stitch



Then come up from bottom with continuous stitch and tie to free end of first stitch.



Dr. Wayne Klepinger, Rt. 2, Box 342, Berlin, WI 54923. In cases of obturator paralysis of heifers, early administration of 10 cc Lasix IV will reduce perineal

edema resulting in faster recovery and quicker ambulation of the patient.

Dr. Howard H. Krueger, 133 Grove St., Evansville, WI 53536. Weld handles on the end of a bull lead so it can be easily handled to help restraint while administering intranasal vaccines.

Dr. Vern Lambright, Rt. 4, Decatur, IN 46733. Use Rompun IV 1-2 cc to put cow down to properly trim out foot sole abscess. Pack with Antimony Chloride followed by a Furacin or Ichthamol bandage. The same tranquilizer works well before removing corns between the claws. This saves sore backs and is easier on the cow.

Dr. Louis E. Landau, 346 S. Iowa, Shullsburg, WI 53586. We do lots of fertility work in our practice. I have found that giving 20 cc iron dextran and 20 cc B complex to first-calf heifers at about 30 days after freshening is very beneficial. May be repeated if ovaries are still small. This was proposed by Dr. Zemjanis from Minnesota and I know quite a few practitioners are using it to aid anemia in these heifers.

Dr. Richard Larsen, Rt. 2, Box 25, Weyauwega, WI 54983. When faced with a closed teat (requires surgery) which also has mastitis, administer 0.3-0.4 cc Rompun mixed with 1-2 cc oxytocin in tail vein using a 3 cc syringe and 1" 22-gauge needle to provide restraint and let down.

Dr. Wayne E. Lutz, Green Haven Animal Clinic, Rt. 136 East, San Jose, IL 62682. Use free choice sodium bicarbonate for the prevention of displaced abomasum.

Dr. Jerome D. Maiers, 604 Park St., Chilton, WI 53014. 1) Mummified fetuses or pyometras with closed cervix: inject 3-3-1/2 cc Duoval P.A. (Tutag) IM. Good results in 48-72 hrs. 2) Plastic navel clamps for calves, applied shortly after birth. Available through most distributors.

Dr. Willis G. Parker, American Breeders Service, Deforest, WI 53532. Article from "Veterinary Medical Review" No. 2, pp. 166-180, 1976, titled Possibilities for a Conservative Treatment of Traumatic Reticuloperitonitis in Cattle, by M. Stober.

Dr. Kenneth P. Reese, Rt. 1 (P.O. Box 94), Evansville, WI 53536. A good treatment to stop the hyperexcitability related to some cases of organophosphate poisoning is to give 5% glycerol guaicolate IV to effect. This usually takes 500-1000 ml. One cc of 100 mg Rompun given IV also works quite well.

Dr. Donald L. Rothbauer, 1320 15th Ave., Bloomer, WI 54724. I have found using Vetwrap (from 3-M) very handy for wrapping sole abscesses. I pack them with Furacin, cover with a telfa pad, and wrap with a roll of Vetwrap, being very careful not to wrap too tight. They stay on and keep the wound clean. Remember to remove in one week. They don't fall off.

Dr. Marshall Slingerland, Box 204, Altamont, IL 62411. Guarded culture instrument for uterine

cultures. Moxumide (Massengill) bandages for footrot.

Dr. Kenneth R. Storck, Rt. 2, Box 363, Auburn-dale, WI 54412. Baby calves, up to 3-4 months, are easy to dehorn with electric dehorner that has a gouge on the end. Instead of waiting for horn button to slough, it is removed immediately, leaving a hole approximately the size of a nickel. Leaves a nice looking head, very little blood, and calves seem to forget it in a few hours.

Dr. R. J. Weiner, Rt. 1, Waterloo, WI 53594. 1) On downer uterine prolapses, retract rear legs straight back to tip anterior pelvis down. 2) Infuse ECP or similar product for pyometra. Follow in 48, 72 and 96 hours with 2 cc oxytocin. 3) Sit back and analyze a sore foot for 30 seconds; 80% will indicate which claw is injured and the area of the claw.

Dr. W. D. Wilson, Box 233, Plain, WI 53577. Oral AmCal, Diamond Labs boluses, eight orally given to wobbly and weak cows with milk fever will be effective by morning or will require treatment IV at that time. Especially if placed in a well padded box stall.

Dr. John W. Wink, Utica, KY 42376. For a neat, compact and efficient portable field ice chest, use an Igloo "Playmate" 18 quart cooler. It is waterproof both inside and outside and the lid is attached so that it does not blow away or get lost. It is easy to open with a push of a button and easy to clean and store. I also pour the contents of ruptured ice packs into pint bottles and freeze for coolness in the cooler.

## IT'S NOT TOO EARLY!

### Start Planning Now For These Forthcoming Meetings

1979: San Antonio, Texas, November 27 -  
December 1

1980: Toronto, Canada, November 19-22

1981: Seattle, Washington