When & Why Do You Need a Vet?

Vets put fires out

“I’ll Meet You there in 15 Min Doc”

What’s the Best Antibiotic Doc?

We Want a Silver Bullet
Key Elements of a Herd Health Program

- Nutrition
- Parasitism
- Biosecurity
- Vaccination vs Immunization
- Management

Utilizing Technologies

- Anthelmetics (de-wormers)
  - prevents parasitism
- Vaccines
  - prevents health issues
- Growth implants
- Artificial insemination
  - Increase genetics
- Appropriate use of injectable trace minerals
- Castration

Management Approach

- 90% of disease is a management issue
- There is no substitute for good animal husbandry
- Accurate diagnosis is critical for management plan

Make the Correct Diagnosis First
Stump the Vet
Label

- READ THE LABEL
- Never use an outdated drug or vaccine
- When using more than one product, label syringes so mistakes are not made in drawing vaccines (or other injectable products)
- Use 5/8” needles to ensure sub-Q

BQA
It’s Our Responsibility!

Knowledge without mileage is bull sh*t
The Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship VCPR

• The veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR) is the basis for interaction among veterinarians, their clients, and their patients. A VCPR means that all of the following are required:
  • The veterinarian has assumed responsibility for making clinical judgments regarding the health of the patient and the client has agreed to follow the veterinarian’s instructions.
  • The veterinarian has sufficient knowledge of the patient to initiate at least a general or preliminary diagnosis of the medical condition of the patient. This means that the veterinarian is personally acquainted with the keeping and care of the patient by virtue of a timely examination of the patient by the veterinarian, animal(s), or medically appropriate and timely visits by the veterinarian to the operation where the patient is managed.
  • The veterinarian is readily available for follow-up evaluation or has arranged for the following: veterinary emergency coverage, and continuing care and treatment.
  • The veterinarian provides oversight of treatment, compliance, and outcome.
  • Patient records are maintained.

Take Home Message

• Make an accurate diagnosis
• Injecting a foreign substance is not always the answer
• Remember www.BQA.org
• Adhere to labeled drug withdrawal times
• Establish a valid VCPR
• Do no harm

Questions