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Change is certainly in the air this month, the leaves are turning brown as days become colder, new animal welfare regulations have been released, the milking season is winding down to a close, and the hunting season is just beginning!!

This month we also say goodbye to one of our beloved long standing vets (see page 4).

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Yep it's fair to say things are going to be different around here over the next few months, so take the time to reflect on the past season. Did you meet your goals for production and reproductive performance? Think about why you did or didn't meet your goals, set new goals for next season and implement changes to make them happen.

Starting off the season on the right foot is key to achieving your goals so please ensure that your milk quality consults (MQC's) and RVM consults are booked in so that you are ready to go. MQC's must be done before dry off!

Lastly, enjoy a break over this dry period; make sure you and your staff are refreshed and ready to go for spring.

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New Animal Welfare Regulations

MPI has recently introduced a new set of animal welfare regulations pertaining stock transport, farm husbandry, companion animals and working animals. The majority of these regulations will come into effect in October 2018 with the exception of regulations around disbudding/dehorning cattle which will come into effect October 2019.

Key changes to cattle regulations include:

- Tail docking is prohibited unless done by a veterinarian for the treatment of disease or injury
- Local anaesthetic must be used when castrating cattle over 6 months of age, or any age if using high tension bands (also applies to sheep)
- From October 2019 local anaesthetic must be used when disbudding/dehorning cattle of any age
- You must not calve a cow or lamb a ewe using a moving vehicle or an instrument that doesn't allow immediate release of tension

Key changes to canine regulations include:

- Tail docking is prohibited unless performed by a veterinarian to treat an existing disease or injury
- Only veterinarians (or supervised veterinary students) can remove dew claws in dogs 4 days of age or older

If regulations are not met you may receive an infringement notice or a prosecution (fine).

For a full list of new regulations and penalties visit the MPI website.

Vaccination Station

Cattle

By now your herd lepto vaccinations should all either be finished or booked in. If you have not done so, please book in now!

We have this season switched our lepto vaccine to a Lepto-3 way vaccination which protects against three strains of lepto instead of two. Using this product and a separate Clostridial vaccine (5 in 1, 10 in 1 or 6 in 1) in your calves provides protection against a wider range of diseases and is more cost effective than just using the 7 in 1 lepto and Clostridial combination vaccine.

Vaccination combination	Protection Against
7 in 1	2 strains of lepto + 5 Clostridial diseases (Tetanus, Pulpy Kidney, Black disease, Black leg, Malignant oedema)
Lepto 3 way + Clostridial 5 in 1	3 strains of Lepto + 5 Clostridial diseases (Tetanus, Pulpy Kidney, Black disease, Black leg, Malignant oedema)
Lepto 3 way + Clostridial 6 in 1	3 strains of Lepto + 6 Clostridial diseases (Tetanus, Pulpy Kidney, Black disease, Black leg, Malignant oedema, and sudden death due to <i>C. Sordellii</i>)
Lepto 3 way + Clostridial 10 in 1	3 strains of Lepto + 10 Clostridial diseases (Tetanus, Pulpy Kidney, Black disease, Black leg, Malignant oedema, sudden death due to <i>C. Sordellii</i> and 4 other Clostridial diseases)

Hunting Season

Hunting season is due to start soon so it's a good time to restock your canine first aid kit before you head out. Pig rip injuries and poisonings are common in the bush. Pig rip kits can be purchased at the clinic and include everything you need for emergency management of wounds and suspected poisonings, giving you valuable extra time to get into the clinic.

Here are some quick tips on how to manage these out in the bush until you can get them to us.



1. Stop any bleeding by applying firm pressure with a bandage or towel.
2. Wash all open wounds with saline, dilute iodine (diluted until it's the colour of weak tea) or clean salt water if you have nothing else. If the wound is large you can temporarily close it with staples or bandages to prevent any further contamination but remember to get it checked by a veterinarian as soon as possible. There is often deeper involvement with these wounds than first appears and if not treated appropriately infection can become trapped in the wound.
3. Confine your dog; excess movement can cause wounds to begin bleeding again and can worsen fractures. Do not attempt to splint a suspected fracture as an incorrectly applied splint can make fractures worse.
4. Ensure your dog has water but refrain from feeding them after an injury as they may need sedation/anaesthetic at the vet clinic.
5. If you suspect your dog has been poisoned or you have seen them eating poison bait/baited animals then induce vomiting with a canine emetic pill. Bring them into the clinic as soon as possible for further treatment. If you can, also bring in a sample of the poison as this can help us identify what the poison is and the best treatment.

Pig Rip Kits!

(For cleaning & applying pressure bandage to wounds)

Only \$38.60

Contains:

- 1X Instruction for use sheet
- 2X Cohesive Bandages
- 2X Softban Padding
- 10X Swabs
- 1X Melolin Gauze Swab
- 1X Chlorhexidine Antiseptic 100ml
- 1X Dog Pill Emetic Pack- 4 Pack
(To induce vomiting if poisoning suspected)



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Re-placement bandage materials can be purchased from the clinic

Farewell Lucy!

It is with a heavy heart that we this month say goodbye to one of our long standing vets Lucy Holdaway.

Lucy has been with TDVS for 6 years! Anyone who has had the pleasure of working with her in that time will know that Lucy is a phenomenal, hardworking vet; that's no secret. But what her clients don't see is the amount of effort Lucy puts in behind the scenes organising people, clinic events, mentoring our younger vets and generally helping out anyone who needs it. Her presence around the clinic will be sorely missed!

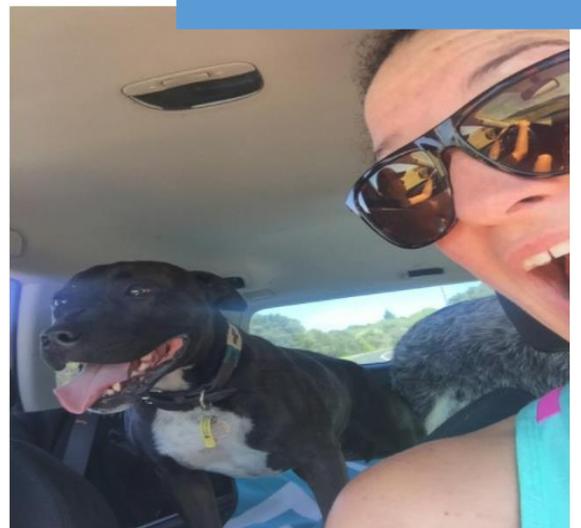
As sad as we are to see her go, we are also excited for her to follow her dreams and become the equine vet she wants to be.

Here are some parting words from the girl herself.

"As my time here in Tokoroa draws to a close, it is with many mixed emotions that I'm writing this snippet for the newsletter to say good-bye to you all. I'm very sorry if I haven't been able to tell you in person, please don't feel that I haven't wanted to, it's just that the time has just flown by as it does. Later this year I will be joining an equine clinic in Cambridge to continue my dream of becoming a kick-arse equine vet.

Many of you devout dairy farmers will think I have rocks in my head, maybe I do, but to tell you the truth, horses are the reason I wanted to become a vet (the secret is out now!). I want to thank you all for being such a stellar bunch of farmers to work with, I have learnt so much and had a great time in doing so. I hope that I have been able to positively contribute to your businesses in some way or another. This has been such a fantastic region to live in and I really value the friendships I have made here, colleagues and clients alike. You are in good hands with our super team of vets and support staff. All the best and see you around with a bit of luck!"

- Lucy (and Archie) xxx



Joke of the Month

A couple made a deal that whoever died first would come back and inform the other if there is life after death. Their biggest fear was that there was no afterlife at all.

After a long life together, the husband was the first to die. True to his word, he made the first contact.

"Marion, Marion?"

"Is that you, Bob?"

"Yes I've come back like we agreed."

"That's wonderful! What's it like?"

"Well, I get up in the morning, I make love, have breakfast and then it's off to the golf course. I make love again, bathe in the warm sun and then make love a couple more times. Then I have lunch (you'd be proud –eating lots of greens). Another romp around the golf course, then pretty much make love until late at night. I catch some much needed sleep and then the next day it starts all over again."

"Oh, Bob! Are you in Heaven?"

"No, ... I'm a rabbit somewhere in Central Otago"