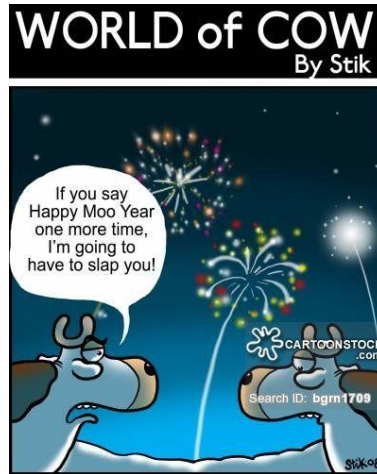


# Attica Veterinary Associates, PC

## January 2018 Newsletter



### Freezin For a Reason

The Polar Plunge is February 11, 2018! Donations can be made through Allison at the clinic. Thanks for your support!

### 2017 Year Summaries

A 2017 year end summary of services provided (labeled "Treatments") and items purchased are included with your January 2018 statement. These summaries can be added to find the total veterinary cost billed for the year.

### Milk Forecast and Farm Efficiency

As milk prices are forecasted to drop to \$13, many farms have shown interest in improving farm efficiency. Your veterinarian may be a helpful resource, as we see different facilities and can provide thoughtful suggestions or adaptations that may help improve labor, treatment, or feed efficiency.

### Product Update

Several products have recently gone on backorder, with no further information as when they will become readily available again. The clinic receives periodic allotments of these products, and if able to, will begin to dispense limited volumes. (Ex: 1 allotment of dry treatment/farm/week). Please call the clinic with any questions.

## Cold Weather Adaptations

We are finally having a true winter, complete with cold, wind, and snow. Animals, especially young calves and animals fed lean diets, are using more energy to maintain their normal body temperature. Energy contributes to maintenance or weight gain and immune system function. Shivering may be an indication that an animal is too cold and is a waste of precious energy. The following are some cold weather strategies to help maintain or gain weight in the face of extreme weather:

### Feeding Strategies:

- Increase frequency – add a third feeding for calves
- Increase calories – feed calorie dense feeds such as extra grain or corn

### Housing Strategies:

- Decrease drafts
- Bedding must be dry – wet bedding may actually wick heat from calves
- Provide deep bedding for nesting
- Remove snow accumulation from hutches

### Supplemental Heat Strategies:

- Blankets help insulate calves. Blankets must be clean and dry and applied only to dry calves.
- Newborns lose heat the fastest due to their surface area to volume ratio. Heat lamps or warming rooms for newborn calves may reduce heat loss. Please be careful with heat sources and be sure they are not dusty and have adequate air flow to avoid fires.

As always, check waterers to ensure they are still flowing.

### **FOR SALE**

- Big square bales and silage bales - call Jason Kehl at 585-297-9155
- Boumatic Z060 smart dairy controller with software module for 201-500 cows
  - 2 RFID walk through portals
  - 150 +/- heatseeker II activity neck tags – call Ted West 585-739-2783