

Health Management for Show Calves

Disease Prevention

7-way Black Leg

IBR-BVD

Tetanus Vaccine

Growth Implants- Market animals only.

Parasite Control- Treat animals for both internal and external parasites. Pour on medications that treat both internal and external. They are the best because you do not have to give an injection.

Check what was given prior to buying the calf and follow up with boosters. You may need to start your own health plan. Most important read directions and follow withdraw periods!

Brucellosis Vaccine **Heifers Only!!** Give vaccine between 6 and 12 months of age. This vaccine must be performed by a veterinarian!

Bloat- Accumulation of gas which the animal is not able to belch out. Signs of bloat are swelling high on the upper left side, behind the ribs, and in front of the hip bone. Cattle on full feed may show a big, full rounded middle on the left side, and even the right side too a lesser extent, but a popping-out, away from the general contour of the body, is a definite sign of serious bloat.

Treatment- Keep calves on their feet and walking, up hill if possible with head up. Drench with mineral oil if necessary.

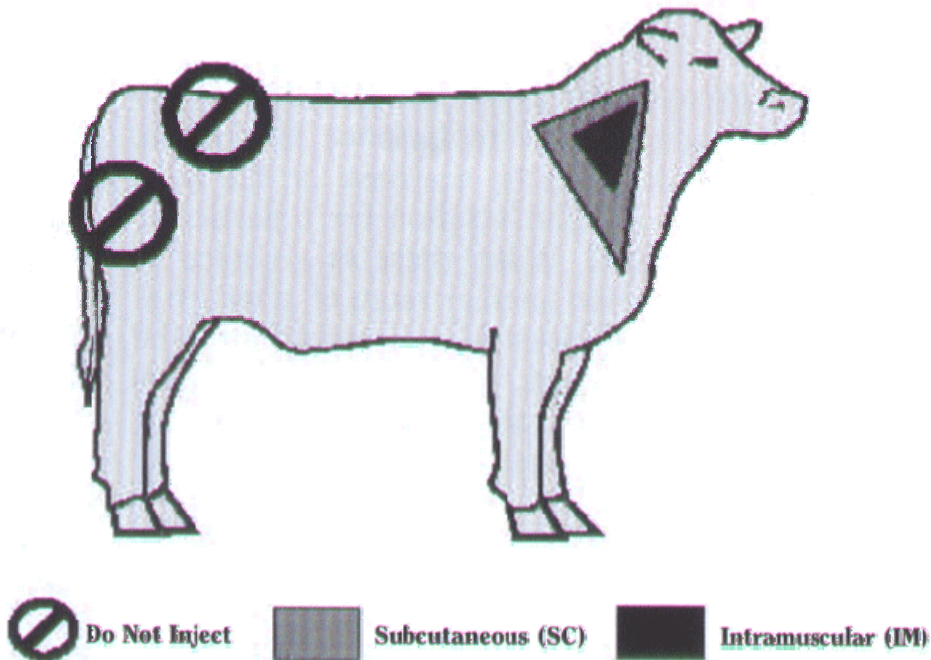
Prevention- Avoid feeds and management practices that encourage bloat. These include feeds that contain fine particles and dust, too much molasses, too much very high protein forage such as alfalfa or excellent grass hay and lack of any long stemmed forage in the diet. A little dry hay that encourages cattle to salivate discourages bloat. Also, feeding on a regular schedule prevents bloat. Eating too much at one time can cause bloat.

Warts- Caused by a virus.

Treatment- Keep covered with mineral oil to starve the virus of oxygen. There are also vaccines that work.

Vaccinations - Use a 1 inch 16 gauge needle with a short bevel when vaccinating cattle. When you have an option always give subcutaneous shots using the tenting method. This is when you pull the loose skin out and make a pocket for the medicine under the skin.

Always read directions and follow withdraw periods on any medication!



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