

First Things, First

- Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR)
- Veterinary emergency number in cell phone/tool box/on fridge
- Common diseases and treatment protocols (Developed with your herd veterinarian)
- Equipment (Catch pen and functional chute, head catch, halter, sorting stick, etc.)
- Calving book (Record breeding dates and due dates with associated sire) or Computer program
- BQA Daily Biosecurity Plan for Disease Prevention
- PIN application for RFID tags and USDA Program testing such as for Tuberculosis or Brucellosis (www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/traceability/state-pin/state-pin)

Basic Medical Supplies

- Thermometer
- Pen light or Flashlight with batteries
- Stethoscope
- Exam gloves (Latex or nitrile)
- OB sleeves
- OB lubricant for calving (NOT J-lube)
- Isopropyl alcohol (rubbing alcohol)
- Hypodermic needles of various sizes (See BQA Field Guide page 17)
- Syringes (1, 3, 6, 12, 20, 35 mL sizes)
- Bandage scissors (Don't get wimpy ones!)
- Weight tape or scale weight
- Duct tape

Bandaging Materials

- Roll gauze or Kling
- Non-stick wrap (VetWrap or similar)
- Adhesive wrap (Elasticon or similar)
- White tape
- Ace bandages (3 inch and 6 inch)
- Roll cotton
- PVC splints (2 and 3 inch)
- Flexible ice packs
- Non-stick wound pads (Telfa or similar)
- Gauze 4x4 pads
- AluSpray (Aerosol bandage)
- Catron Fly Spray

Basic Injection Guidelines

- Give injections in neck, in front of slope of shoulder
- Use proper needle size
- Deliver subcutaneous (SQ) when possible, using less than 15 cc per site or as indicated on label
- Never administer more than 10 cc per IM injection site
- Space injections at least 4" (hands width) apart on neck, utilize other side of neck
- Always follow label instructions including proper dosage, route, and withdrawal times

Calving

- 5 gallon bucket
- Obstetrical chains and handles OR straps
- Clean towels
- Esophageal feeder (at least 2 - one for colostrum, one for sick calves)
 - ◊ TRUSTI Tuber 2-in 1 Pack by Antahi
 - ◊ Crimp Style Fluid Feeder with Stainless Steel Probe (Miller Manufacturing, Model 50SS-FF)
 - ◊ Have vet teach you!
- Large trash bags
- Heat lamp
- Calf blanket or Large dog coat
- Waterproof coveralls or apron (Brands such as Udder Tech)

Husbandry

- Rumen/Reticulum magnets (helps prevent Hardware Disease)
- Balling gun - calf size and adult size (give pills or boluses)
- Ear tagger and Tags
- Tag pen
- Tag Cutter
- Old T-shirts or sweaters (for rags or drying)

Wounds or Lacerations

- Soap for removing organic matter around wound
- Disinfectant scrub (Betadine scrub, povidone iodine scrub)
- Navel dip (such as Super 7 or Chlorhexidine solution)
- Disinfectant rinse
 - ◊ Betadine solution: mix 5 mL per liter (20 mL per gallon) water or saline
 - ◊ Chlorhexidine solution: mix 2 oz (60 mL) per gallon water
- Skin (Super) glue
- Skin stapler kit (Ask your veterinarian)
- Thumb dressing forceps, serrated forceps,
- SilverThumb forceps (tweezers)
- Hemostat or Clamp

Suggested Medications (Talk with your vet!)

- Clostridium C&D Antitoxin (used to treat Clostridial enteritis)
- B-complex Vitamins
- Vitamin A&D, AD&E
- Vitamin E (Stuart Products, Inc.)
- BoSe
- Vaccines/oral supplements (IN FRIDGE)
- Colostrum replacement and supplement
- Electrolytes

