Another Birthday Card to Red

Red requested that we post another one of her birthday cards from last semester. Even though it was not the winner of her birthday card contest, she still liked it very much and thought everyone else should see it too.

Birthday ode to my "favorite" cow Red:

This year Red turns the ripe old age of eight; living at Charmany was her great fate.

While in the barn Red's life was easy; her 2 fans in the hot summer made her life breezy.

Although getting her up to milk was a pain; it could always be solved with a handful of grain.

No one could feed her enough to cause her to be full; which has resulted in her looking like a bull!

Even though Red never gets pregnant "everything's cool"; the last time she calved was the year I graduated high school!!!

Now Red has her own new birthday cow bell; the constant ringing might be Dave's new personal hell!

So happy birthday to Red and hopefully many more, as long as she's around work is never a bore!!

Pamela Draheim
2007

Wisconsin Veterinary School’s Dairy Teaching Herd Named After Dr. Allenstein

To help endow the Dr. Leland Allenstein Dairy Teaching Herd, please contact the veterinary school’s Office for Advancement at 608/265-9692 or e-mail them at giving@svm.vetmed.wisc.edu.
Dynamic Duo of the Month
By: Allie Wistrand Mazepa

This month’s featured couple is Danelle Skabroud and her favorite cow, Patricia. Danelle is a junior at the University of WI-Madison and is majoring in animal science. She grew up in Jump River, WI with her parents on their 50-cow dairy farm. It is her goal to apply to vet school and pursue large animal medicine with a focus in dairy cattle. She has been working with the Charmany ladies since August 2005. She works several morning milking shifts a week and loves driving the skid loader. She enjoys baking and routinely brings pies to work for Dave on Tuesday mornings. She is a very enthusiastic person and will undoubtedly be an outstanding vet school candidate.

In addition to being Danelle’s leading lady, Patricia (also known as Patti to close friends) is also the herd’s leading milk producer at 114 pounds! This is quite an accomplishment for a first lactation heifer. She had her first calf, Paloma, on February 22, 2006 and was bred again on August 25. As if winning top producer isn’t enough, Patricia can also boast great udder health. Her most recent somatic cell count clocked in at 19,000. Patricia was rather shy when asked to comment about her latest achievements, but did mention something about Dave refusing to share his weekly pies with her and the other ladies...

Reproduction Update
By: Christy Sibigtroth

Recent Calvings
Gemini: Bull
Bennett: Heifer
Abby: Heifer
Gina: Heifer
Gretchen: Heifer
Katrina: Twins
Gloria: Bull

Expected Calving in October
Presto: 10/06
Grace: 10/14
Sonya: 10/20
Greta: 10/27

Confirmed Pregnancies Aug-Sept:
Mattie: Due 5/22/07
Evie: Due 5/10/07
Tasha: Due 5/25/07
Griffy: Due 5/24/07
Clinician’s Corner
By: Keith Poulsen
Resident, Large Animal Internal Medicine

Sophie is a 4 year old Holstein who is 300 days in milk in her second lactation. She is 130 days carrying calf and has a history of left displaced abomasums corrected by right flank abomasalpexy in her first lactation. Her presenting complaint was inappetence for 6 hours duration. Physical examination was within normal limits with exception of gas percussed in the right paralumbar fossa. Rectal examination revealed distended loops of large bowel and cecum. Cecal dilatation was diagnosed and treated medically with oral fluids and laxatives. She was discharged with instructions to adjust dry matter intake in accordance to her decreased milk production from this episode.

Cecal dilatation in lactating dairy cows occurs sporadically in individual animals within the herd. Most cases are seen in early lactation and present with anorexia, decreased milk production, and decreased fecal output. Signs of abdominal pain are variable depending on severity of distention and if torsion is present. Physical exam findings usually include a decrease in rumen motility, high pitched ping on percussion over the right paralumbar fossa, dehydration, and signs of visceral pain (increased heart rate, resentment of sucussion, ect..) Rectal examination reveals distended bowel, specifically cecum, in the pelvis and it is important to differentiate simple distention from cecal-colic volvulus.

Medical management with fluids and laxatives may alleviate the distention. However, distention that is refractory to medical management or progresses to cecal-colic volvulus requires surgical correction. Prognosis for surgical candidates is poor for severe torsion or ischemic injury of the apex.

In some veterinarians’ experiences, cows that experience cecal dilatation are at risk for redevelopment of the condition. As with all cows in the Teaching Herd, especially the herdsman’s favorite, she will be monitored closely in her next lactation.

Students in the Herd
Veterinary students
16 students in herd health this semester
24 students are working in the herd

Undergraduate Special Projects
Ovsynch program manager: Danielle James
Vaccination program manager: Elsa Ludwig
Body Condition Scoring: Danielle Skabroud
Locomotion Scoring: Eli Yoder
September’s **Super** Cows

**First Place – 114 lbs Milk**
PATRICIA

1\(^{st}\) Lactation
DIM – 215
DCC - 0

**3\(^{rd}\) Place – 108 lbs Milk**
SWASH

3\(^{rd}\) Lactation
DIM – 124
DCC - 0

**2\(^{nd}\) Place – 110 lbs Milk**
MARIE

4\(^{th}\) Lactation
DIM – 59
DCC - 0
September Events

3rd Year Palpation Lab

Check out these palpating smiles!!!

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1. 4<sup>th</sup> year theriogenology rotation with either Dr. Momont or Dr. Bosu (1pm)
2. Large Animal Internal Medicine visits the herd every second week to examine sick cows, perform services, and take samples to the laboratory.
3. Veterinary diagnostics and therapeutic laboratories (623-625)
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Interested in gaining experience working with dairy cows? Then boy do we have the opportunity for you! You can join the milking crew at the Charmany Teaching Facility and work the AM or PM milking shifts. Weekday shifts are from 5:00 am to 7:00 am and from 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Weekend shifts are from 5:00 am to 12:00 pm and from 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Interested students should contact Dr. Bill Goodger at (608) 770-1448.

One further note on employment is that we can save 50% in student salary expenses (about $20,000 per year) if students apply for work study (about 90% of veterinary students are probably eligible). These added funds would not only allow more students access to the herd, but would also provide support for clinics, projects, and clinical upgrades to our facility which would enhance the experience for all students. Below is information about work study from the campus work study office in financial aid.

** The Work-Study Program does not determine where you work. It is up to you to determine where you’d like to work and what type of work you’d be interested in. The Federal Work-Study Program (FWSP) employee’s will be glad to discuss with you what your interests are and what employment options are available to you but you will need to contact the employers directly to inquire about job availabilities.

Having accepted Work-Study will benefit you primarily in two ways: first, since employers only pay 50 cents of every dollar earned by a student, work-study students are highly sought after employees and second, any work-study monies earned are not counted and considered as earned income when you apply for next year’s financial aid. Normally a student’s earnings are considered as earned income and your next year’s financial aid award is reduced by that amount.

If you decide to work on campus, ANY job at the UW automatically qualifies as a work-study position. You should always let a UW-employer know that you have accepted a work-study award, because again, it makes you an even more desirable hire to them. Having said this, some UW employers require that you have work-study. These listing can be found under the “UWWR” section.

*If you need to contact someone at the UW-SVM Teaching Herd Barn, call (608) 265-3558.*

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