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Corriente Veterinary Service

Fall Newsletter



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Are you ready for fall?

The cool nights, leaves starting to change and velvet shedding all serve to remind us that winter is right around the corner and fall breeding and hunting season will be here soon.

Now is the time to make sure you have the supplies you need on hand for any fall deer handling. Certainly if the deer are going through the chute or being tranquilized you will want to have your treatment protocol ready for the type of handling you are anticipating.

Be aware of the new rule involving the need for microchipping deer that are moving to a hunting preserve. The rule specifies that all deer added to the hunting preserve, except births on the premises, must have 2 forms of official individual identification -- one visible and one implanted. (see the following page for other rule changes that were instituted at the beginning of the year).

The state prefers the use of 15 digit ISO chips. This format appears to be the one that will become standard for cervidae

and other species. This number must be included on a health certificate when the animal moves and should also be included with heads brought in for CWD testing. We have individual chips on hand at the clinic if you need to have some ID'd for movement.

There may be some chips and readers available from the state. For more information contact Dr. Bourie by calling 608-224-4886 or by email: Richard.Bourie@wisconsin.gov. If you want to buy individually sterile needles contact AVID EZID 877-330-3943.

Chips need to be placed at the base of the right ear. If you have never done this or have questions about proper placement, please feel free to call the office for information, 715 342-1212.

If you have other drugs that you may need to have on hand, call the office now and discuss any questions you might

have. If there are drugs or other supplies that you may need, ordering early will be important this year. Some drugs, such as xylazine, are in short supply. Other drugs can occasionally be obtained at a reduced price from the manufacturer when ordered in volume.

Drugs that can be pre ordered include: Telazol, Xylazine, Tolazine (drugs used for sedation management), Covexin (clostridial vaccine), Ivermectin, Safeguard, Valbazen and other dewormers, Tetradure, Draxxin, Nuflor, and other antibiotics, and any other supplies, etc.

that you may need. Remember that some of these drugs are controlled drugs that require a prescription or administration by a veterinarian in a current veterinarian-client-patient relationship.

Call and talk to one of the Dr's or Techs if you have questions. 715 342-1212

Have a great fall!



WELCOME DR. ERICA ESSER

If you have not yet met Dr. Erica Esser, she has been on staff with us at Corriente for just over a year. Dr. Esser is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin - Madison School of Veterinary Medicine. She completed her undergraduate work at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York.

She also brings a variety of other experiences in veterinary medicine with her. She has conducted a research project through a Merck-Merial

Research Fellowship on parasitism in bighorn sheep and cattle in Alberta, Canada. She also did a preceptorship at the Wildlife Conservation Society at the Bronx Zoo, NY. She has a strong interest in whitetail deer husbandry and is looking forward to the opportunity to do more deer work this fall.

She has had externships at Alamo Pintado Equine Medical Center in California (a large equine referral hospital), Early Winter Equine and Finger

Lakes Equine (equine practices in Ithaca, NY), as well as at Madison Equine Clinic.

In addition to all this, she has taken elective rotations in large animal critical care, equine dentistry, equine reproduction and ultrasound.

Dr. Esser is a wonderful addition to our staff and we welcome her knowledge, enthusiasm and expertise.

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Legislative News

I am sure that by now many of you have read or at least seen the changes in the laws pertaining to deer and elk farming here in Wisconsin.

The following 14 ATCP rule changes were approved by the State Legislature as of 12/01/08:

10.04 (1) (a) 5 - requires veterinarians who perform CWD sampling to report all test results to DATCP (positives and negatives)

10.46 (3) - changes the annual expiration date for farm-raised deer herd registrations from December 31 to March 15 (2009 registrations will be valid 15 mths until March 15, 2010)

10.46 (4) - clarifies under what conditions a person may keep farm-raised deer at 2 or more locations with a single herd registration certificate

10.46 (5) - clarifies under what conditions separately-registered farm-raised deer herds may be kept at the same location (even if owned by different persons)

10.46 (6) (em) - clarifies that a person applying to register a herd of white-tailed deer with DATCP must include, with the registration application, a copy of a valid DNR fencing certificate for each registered location under the registration.

10.46 (12) (c) - modifies current rules related to reports of escaped farm-raised deer. If the escaped deer is returned to the herd more than 72 hours after it escapes, it loses any status that it may have had under a herd certification or status program, and is considered a new addition.

10.46. (12) (d) If the animal is returned to the herd more than 24 hours after it escapes in a wild deer disease control zone designated by the DNR, it loses any status it may have had under a herd certification or status program.

10.47 (3) (b) 5 - clarifies that a person applying for a 10-year hunting preserve certificate from DATCP must include, in the application, an estimate of the farm-raised deer population on the hunting preserve premises (by age, sex, and species). The application must also include the official ID numbers of any farm-raised deer on the preserve that bear ID numbers. All non-natural additions to a hunting preserve must have 2 forms of official ID — one visible and one implanted.

10.48 (6) (c) - allows DATCP to extend the 15-day slaughter deadline for TB reactors by up to 30 days

10.51 (2) - extends the term of a brucellosis-free herd certification from 2 years to 3 years, so that it is consistent with the term of a TB-free herd certification.

10.52 (3) (a) 2. - modifies current CWD testing requirements. Under this rule, every farm-raised deer at least 16 mths old must have CWD samples collected within 7 days of death and the sample must be sent to an approved lab within 10 days of collecting the sample.

10.52 (8) (a) 1. - clarifies current rules related to DATCP condemnation for diseased or suspect farm-raised deer. The condemnation order may specify a reasonable compliance deadline, and may require the herd owner or custodian to enter into a premises plan as a condition to the payment of state indemnities

10.53 (5) (g) - clarifies the annual herd census requirements under the Wisconsin CWD herd status program to included the annual census must report all apparent escapes and must explain and account for all changes in the herd population since the last census.

10.53 (7) (a) 4 - clarifies current rules related to movement of registered farm-raised deer enrolled in the state CWD herd status program. Currently, farm-raised may not move unless the herd has been enrolled for 5 years. Now, if 2 or more wild deer are killed within 5 miles of the deer farm and have tested positive for CWD, the farm-raised deer herd status is suspended unless the deer farm is also double-fenced to prevent contact with the infected wild deer population. The

herd status may also be suspended if fewer than 90% of the farm-raised deer that left the herd by death, escape, or slaughter in any census year, including farm-raised deer whose remains were not testable because of deterioration when found, were tested for CWD

- current TB regulations for imports of farm-raised deer were modified, eliminating the current requirement for post-import testing

Some portions of ATCP 10 not directly related to the above rule changes may be relevant, yet have been removed to condense the information sent to you. Please consult the entire Chapter 10 rules at www.datcp.state.wi.us if necessary. Farm-raised deer rules are found in Chapters 10.45 — 10.58

Call the clinic at 715 342-1212 if you have questions about any regulation changes. We may not know the answer, but we certainly will find it.

