



River Valley Veterinary Clinic

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Checklist for Subzero Calf Care

Since temperatures will be below zero, single digits at best, for the foreseeable future, here's a checklist to help you make sure your calves will make it through.

- Extra Calories: In this weather calves are using all available energy to just stay alive and warm. Whether its extra quarts of milk, extra feedings or a scoop of fat additive, it'll keep them from losing weight.
- Calf Jackets: All calves on milk should have a jacket on at these temperatures – just like you!
- Deep, Dry Bedding: 12 inches of dry bedding is essential for staying warm.
- Windbreaks: Temporary windbreaks to the windward side of a block of calf hutches or along calf pens will reduce windchill.
- Staying Dry: All newborn calves should be completely dry before being put in a barn or hutch. Nothing initiates hypothermia or frostbite faster than being wet.

Other Considerations:

- Buddy System: Two calves in a hutch together will be warmer than one!
- Ear Muffs: frostbite is a real threat, calf-specific ear muffs can protect those delicate ears.

Newborn of the Month!

It is our pleasure to announce the arrival of the newest member of the RVVC family!! Monty Gene Stika was born December 18th, weighing 7lbs 11oz. Dr. Stika and family are doing very well!! If you're lucky, you might catch a glimpse of him visiting the Reedsburg Clinic!

