

5 Tips for a Successful Relationship with Your Veterinarian



1. Preventative Veterinary Care –
 - A worthwhile investment!
 - Taking the pre-emptive steps to control disease costs far less than treating problems that arise later on.
 - Embracing preventative care is the key to producing healthy, more productive livestock.
 - Working with your veterinarian to develop a herd health plan is essential to outlining benchmarks and strategies to meet your goals.
 - Preventative veterinary care includes:
 - Annual wellness physicals, vaccinations, routine deworming, dental exams, Coggins testing, breeding soundness exams and new purchase exams.

2. When to Call the Veterinarian
 - No one knows your animals better than you do. Certain illnesses may have obvious signs that a vet should be called, others may not. It is critical to know when to call.
 - Have a plan for emergencies - remember to stay calm and call your vet SOONER rather than later if you suspect a problem.

3. The Veterinary-Client-Patient Relationship
 - A Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship, or VCPR for short, exists when your veterinarian knows your animal well enough to be able to diagnose and treat any medical conditions your animal develops.
 - A valid VCPR is required to dispense medications or make treatment recommendations.
 - Establishing this relationship before an emergency is critical to being prepared for the unexpected and allows the veterinarian to make the best recommendations.

4. Preparing for your Farm Call
 - Have your animals caught and ready for examination before the vet arrives. Prepare your facilities, if available, for safe animal handling and restraint, especially during winter visits.
 - Have health records and current medications or products ready in original packaging.
 - Have your list of questions or topics ready to make the most of your appointment time.

5. Embrace the Change
 - As a recent DVM graduate, Dr. Llanes has the most up to date information, training, and resources to provide the highest quality care for your animals. This may mean that she does things differently than your previous veterinarians. She asks for your patience and an open mind as we all work, learn and grow together.