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Remembering Dr. Dave Hunsberger



It is with a very heavy heart that we share the passing of one of Heartland's finest, Dr Dave Hunsberger. Dave lost his battle with cancer and its complications on August 11.

Dave was raised on a dairy farm in Waterloo County. It was there that he developed his love for all animals, but especially dairy cows. Dave graduated from the Ontario Veterinary College in 1981 and started his veterinary career at Heartland Vet Services, known as Listowel Veterinary Clinic at the time. Dave served with the Ontario Veterinary Medical Association (OVMA) for many years, including a term as president of the OVMA.

Dave was passionate and cared deeply about his family, his community, veterinary medicine, and Heartland. Dave's passion was hidden from most by his quiet demeanor. He was known for his strong analytical mind and his purposeful, structured style of working and problem solving. His influence was a positive force in our clinic.

He will be missed by many but especially his wife Wendy, children Lindsay(Krishna), Adam(Ruth-Anne), and Jon(Nicole) and his grandchild Arik.

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Fly Control

Have you heard the buzz? Large animal technicians are now offering fly prevention in combination with dehorning services. Ask your large animal tech for more information!



Upcoming stat holidays

The clinic will be closed Labour Day Weekend September 4th to September 6th. As always, veterinarians will be available 24-7 for emergency service. The Saturday fee schedule will remain unchanged from non-stat weekends.



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Covid-19 protocols

With the presence of Covid-19 in Ontario, our team is taking additional precautions during our farm visits, as highlighted below, to help mitigate the spread of this disease in our community. We have chosen to continue strict precautions as we move through Ontario's phased reopening. Please be aware that as this pandemic develops, we may have to adjust our procedures in response.

Veterinary farm visits

- Once on farm, we will try to maintain a distance of at least six feet from people wherever practically possible
- Care will be taken to wash and disinfect hands and contacted tools and equipment before re-entering our vehicle
- A mask will be worn whenever practically possible, especially in closed air spaces or when physical distancing is not possible. We would like our clients to do the same while we are on farm.

Technician farm visits

- Techs will continue to assist veterinarians as necessary. The same precautions as above will apply
- Technicians will continue to provide services, such as dehorning, but we ask that no farm personnel are in the immediate vicinity during their visit

Clinic procedures

- Our clinic will remain open, but business hours may be subject to change
- Clients will be met at the door by one of our customer care representatives
- Purchases will be set out at the door
- Laboratory samples will be received at the door

If you have experienced any Covid-like symptoms or have had exposure to someone with symptoms, we urge you to please notify us before your next vet visit so we can take the appropriate precautions.

We thank you for assistance in helping us continue to provide veterinary care while considering the health of yourselves and our staff.

Stay healthy!

