Waupun Veterinary Services

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Explanation of After-Hour Zones

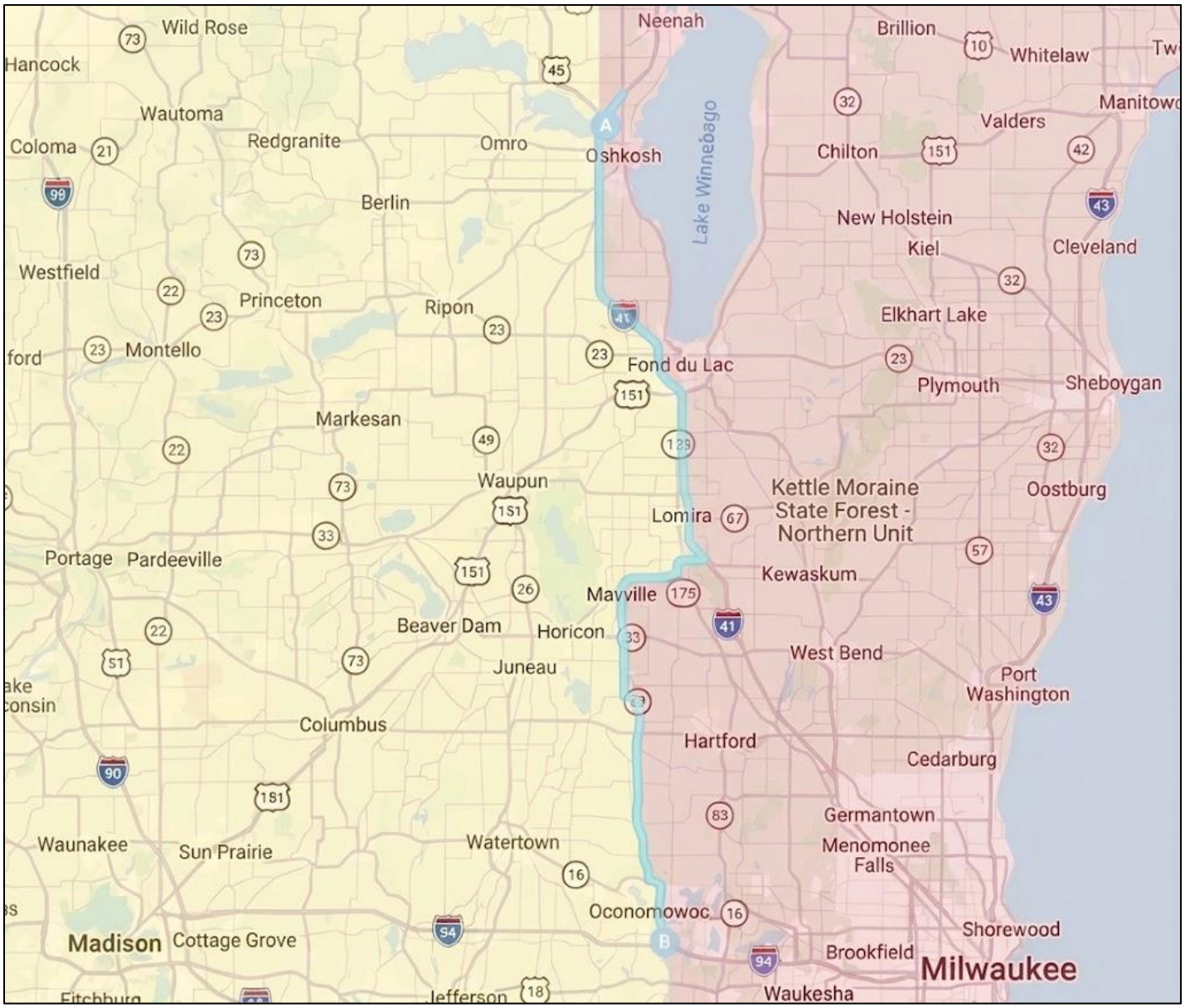
To our valued clients,

We have noticed that there has been some confusion during after-hours emergency calls when determining which side of our territory your animal lives on. We understand that calling for an emergency for your animal is already stressful enough, so to mitigate the misunderstandings, the emergency zone division is laid out below.

Our emergency number is 920-324-3831.

When you call in for an emergency, PRESS 1 if you are WEST of the division line (yellow shading), and PRESS 2 if you are EAST of the division line (red shading). Please note this is the **animal's location,** not your billing address.

Thank you for continuing to choose Waupun Vet Services for your animal's needs!



From Farm Calls to Research:
A Summer of Learning at WVS

By Dr. Nick Mayer
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This summer, WVS welcomed Ashli Vesbach, of Platteville, as our second summer student intern. Ashli is an incoming second-year at the UW-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine with an interest in cattle and equine medicine. She grew up on a 60-cow Jersey dairy farm and participated in 4-H and FFA, which helped spark her passion for large animal medicine.

During her time at WVS, Ashli gained hands-on experience riding along on farm calls with our veterinarians, working in the milk, bedding and blood labs, and learning about the day-to-day operations of our clinic. As part of her internship, she also completed a research project comparing two oral calcium supplementation products, Bovikalc and Goff-Bol, administered to cows at freshening.

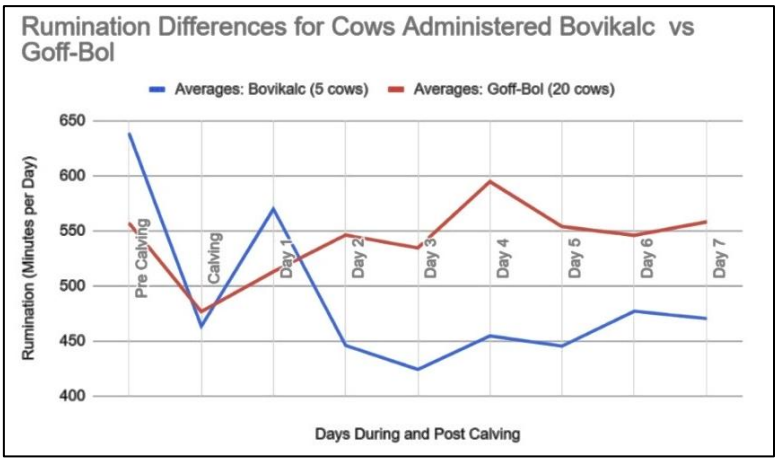


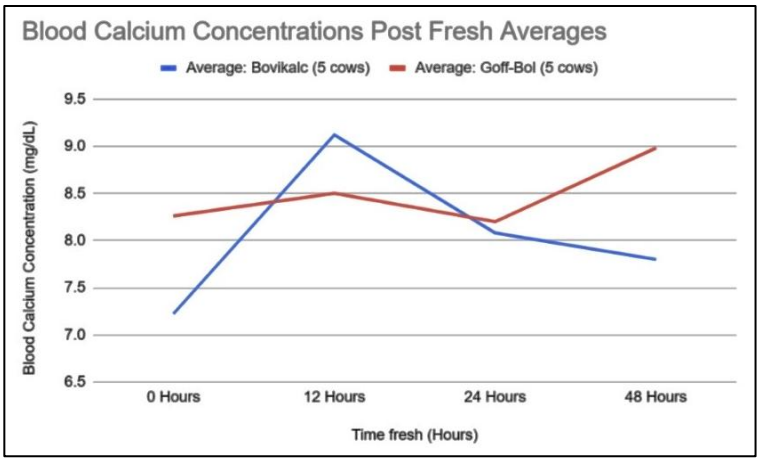
Ashli is pictured above assisting with lap AI for sheep with Dr. Emma during her summer internship at WVS.

The trial evaluated blood calcium concentrations and rumination activity following calving. Results showed that cows receiving Bovikalc boluses experienced a larger initial increase in blood calcium, followed by a decline between 12 and 24 hours post-calving. Cows receiving Goff-Bol boluses maintained more consistent calcium levels, with a gradual increase over the first 48 hours. Rumination patterns also differed, with Bovikalc cows showing a stronger initial increase, while Goff-Bol cows demonstrated a more gradual increase, reaching approximately 550 rumination minutes per day by day two.

This project provided Ashli the opportunity to work closely with producers to explore how different calcium supplementation products influence fresh cow responses during the critical transition period. At the end of her internship, Ashli presented her findings to the WVS doctors, sharing what she learned throughout the project.

We appreciate Ashli's hard work, enthusiasm, and willingness to learn this summer. Providing students with opportunities for hands-on experience and research is an important part of supporting the next generation of veterinary professionals. We wish Ashli the best as she continues her veterinary education!





Ashli created these graphs pictured above as part of her research project that evaluated blood calcium concentrations and rumination activity following calving using Bovikalc and Goff-Bol boluses.