The Cattle Health Handbook

Preventative Care, Disease Treatments & Emergency Procedures for Promoting the Well-Being of Your Beef or Dairy Herd

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You can provide the day-to-day medical care required to keep your cattle healthy and thriving. In this practical guide, Heather Smith Thomas provides easy-to-execute solutions for a variety of common medical situations that can afflict your animals, including bacterial diseases, parasites, and nutritional deficiencies. Whether you are caring for a single dairy cow or a large herd, you’ll find all the information you need to keep your cattle healthy, increase the self-sufficiency of your operation, and substantially reduce veterinary costs.

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Any involved with cattle and many a rural library collection catering to farmers will find THE CATTLE HEALTH HANDBOOK an essential guide. It provides solutions to common problems in managing cattle health, discusses everything from common diseases to weather-related health issues, and packs in tips on handling accidents, injuries, and common problems. Whether it be for a single cow or an entire herd, this is an excellent survey.

Excellent book for the more advanced cattle owner and breeder. Fills the gap between "intro tomes" and textbooks with sufficient veterinary information that allows intelligent decisions when to call for help and what to do in their absence. Truly wish I had this book when we first started. Recommend highly to new and experienced operators.

This book was very informative and easy to read. It isn’t crammed full of medical & scientific jargon
that makes it hard to understand; it gives you the terminology that is essential and easy. One of my calves was recently ill and used to book to determine what signs there are for pneumonia and immediately gave the calf antibiotics. He is now fully recovered.

I started working with beef cattle just the last few months and this book has been wonderful. It starts with the most simple stuff like how and where to give shots or how to make a halter to explaining the characteristics and treatment of all the different diseases possible. Worth your money.

I have recommended this book ever since I got it. It was written by an elderly woman who raised cattle and is written in a way you can understand without having to take a pre-vet med course. Highly recommend this even if you have a few cows or several hundred.

A must have if your wanting to get into cattle. We reference to it often when something seems off and not sure what it is. I like to look through it to keep things in the front of my brain. Vets are expensive and don’t want to call ours unless I have to!

Very handy book to have. We raise a few bummer bottle calves each year. The type that we only get because they are nearly dead anyway and the rancher gives us to them to try to save, and keep if we do. We are more than 100 miles from the vet, so we need to be able to assess and help the babies as best we can, or lose them. This book is pretty thorough on most cattle emergencies, diseases and plenty of preventative ideas. It is in a format that pretty much anyone can understand and learn from. I’m sure this will be a go to book each year when the new babies who come in with something unusual each year. I would recommend this book highly to ANYONE who raises cattle, from a couple bottle babies, to a very large herd.

Gathering Notes is the easy part and the most important things (that I consider Important) I email to my dad. Being new to raising cattle, and living in a humid environment, is hard to keep up with every thing that is in the soil. Though the family started to own cattle about three years ago my parents are just have accepted the fact that the environment here on east Texas is very different than the hot-dry from their small town in Mexico. This book provides us with understanding and new methods besides only going to the vet. Looking forward to buying Essential Guide to Calving!

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