SEVEN TIPS FOR PROPER DRUG TREATMENTS

The dairy’s owner is counting on you to provide the best care for the cows. If a cow gets sick, it is your responsibility to properly treat the animal and use medicines according to the label to bring her back to good health. Here are some tips to follow when a cow gets sick:

1. **Evaluate the Cow’s Condition Before Treating**
   - Some cows may be too sick to recover from an illness. Ask your herd veterinarian to evaluate any cows you are concerned about before deciding to treat.

2. **Determine the Right Treatment**
   - Review written protocols or prescriptions for common diseases and follow the instructions that address the cow’s illness. You need to have the right medicine to treat the disease.

3. **Give the Correct Amount**
   - For most medicines, not all cows get the same amount. Carefully estimate the cow’s weight in order to give the correct amount of medicine.

4. **Give for the Correct Number of Days and At the Correct Time**
   - A cow might start to improve before the protocol is complete, but you must give all the doses prescribed so the cow fully recovers.

5. **Give the Treatment in the Correct Way**
   - There are several ways for cows to receive medicine. Make sure you understand the differences and do only what the label or prescription says.

6. **Keep Accurate Records**
   - After treating a cow, record all the information about the treatment. This will help the veterinarian and herd manager know how well treatments are working.

7. **Ask for Help**
   - If you don’t understand any part of the protocol, medicine label or prescription, don’t guess. Ask your manager or herd veterinarian for help.

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