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for dairy calf managers and veterinarians
ready to level up their calf care skills

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9:00 am Registration
9:30 Workshop begins
4:00 pm Workshop concludes

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

Arlington Ag Research Station Public Events Building
N695 Hopkins Road, Arlington, WI

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College
2740 W. Mason Street, Green Bay, WI

GENERAL SESSION

Transportation and Stress – Set Calves Up for Success

Transportation can be one of the most significant stressors young calves face - how we prepare them can make all the difference. This session will explore the key transport-associated stressors and take a proactive look at strategies to minimize their impact. From pre-transport nutrition and hydration to handling practices and environmental controls, **Dr. Catie Cramer** will provide practical tools to help ensure a smoother journey and better post-transport health.

BREAKOUTS

attendees will rotate through all three sessions

Calf necropsy from the inside out

Every calf loss has a story - and the best way to understand it is from the inside. With **Dr. Frank Garry** we'll take a clinical, hands-on look at calf necropsies to examine how stress and management decisions impact internal health. Designed for calf managers and veterinarians, the session will highlight some of the most common causes of calf mortality, including respiratory and digestive diseases, and how they do their dirty work beneath the surface.

Participants will gain valuable insight into how early-life stressors such as colostrum management, housing conditions, transport and feeding practices can lead to physiological changes that compromise calf health. Walk away with actionable strategies for identifying problems earlier in the game, improving protocols and reducing preventable losses in the youngest members of the herd.

Precision matters with every dose

Vaccinations and treatments are essential tools. But when administered improperly, they can create unnecessary stress, tissue damage and long-term setbacks for calf health and productivity. In this practical hands-on lab, **Dr. Ryan Breuer** will showcase proper injection techniques, equipment handling and placement protocols to ensure every dose serves its intended purpose.

This session emphasizes the “why” behind best practices - exploring how technique affects efficacy, animal welfare, and even carcass quality down the line. Whether you're administering medications or training your team to do so, this lab will sharpen your skills and reinforce protocols that support healthier, less stressed calves.

Under pressure: real-world lessons in calf stress

What does stress really look like in a calf? How can managers spot it before it leads to bigger problems? This interactive session led by **Dr. Catie Cramer** will walk participants through real-world case studies of calf stress events, from subtle management missteps to major disruptions like weather, transport or illness outbreaks.

Together we'll explore how stress affects the calf physiologically and behaviorally, what warning signs to watch for and how to intervene effectively. Learn how successful operations respond, adapt and build more resilient systems for calf care. Designed to foster discussions and problem-solving, this session will equip managers and veterinarians with the tools to recognize, respond to and reduce stress-related challenges on the farm.

PRESENTERS



Dr. Ryan Breuer, DVM, DACVIM - LAIM, holds a dual appointment as a diagnostic case and outreach coordinator at the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (WVDL) as well as a clinical Associate Professor of Large Animal Internal Medicine at the UW-Madison, School of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Breuer completed his DVM degree in 2012 from the UW-SVM, then practiced large animal medicine in general practice for two and a half years. He also completed a residency training program in Food Animal Internal Medicine from Iowa State University, College of Veterinary Medicine. At the UW-SVM and WVDL Breuer has a focus on consulting with veterinarians as well as teaching veterinary students.



Dr. Catie Cramer, PhD, is Associate Professor in the Department of Animal Sciences at Colorado State University and has been on faculty since 2019. Dr. Cramer received her MS and PhD in dairy science from the UW-Madison where she focused on dairy calf health, welfare

and behavior. The overall goal of Dr. Cramer's research program is to identify effective solutions that improve human and animal wellbeing on livestock operations. Her recent calf health projects have investigated strategies to prevent disease in calves and provided valuable information about the condition of dairy calves prior to and after transport in the Western United States. She enjoys productive collaborations with dairy stakeholders, students, and colleagues to co-create solutions that help dairy cattle and the people that care for them.



Dr. Franklyn Garry, DVM, is coordinator of integrated livestock management and professor at Colorado State University, where he's served in the Department of Clinical Sciences since 1987. Since 1996 he has been the coordinator of the Integrated Livestock

Management program at CSU. This multidisciplinary graduate-studies program focuses its research and training efforts at problems in cow/calf, feedlot, and dairy agriculture. Dr. Garry grew up on a dairy farm in upstate New York, received his BS and DVM from Cornell University, and his MS from The Ohio State University. After working in a New York dairy practice, he worked in advanced clinical training at the Maximilian University in Munich, Germany and at The Ohio State University.