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## Information Sheet - Prevention & Management of Scours



### *Prevention.*

- Ensure birth takes place in a sanitary environment.
- Provide adequate amounts of good quality colostrum (See PBIS Colostrum feeding).
- Follow a feeding routine where the animal is fed a constant quantity (make changes gradually) of milk or milk replacer at the same time each day, at a constant temperature.
- Do not over feed.
- House calves in a clean, dry, and warm area free from draughts.
- Immediately isolate and treat sick animals.

### *Management.*

- Do not over feed the animal and check that the CMR being use is mixed correctly and of good quality. (See PBIS - Feeding guidelines).
- If new animals are introduced this can often introduce disease & viruses to existing animals that the new animals have been exposed too prior to purchase.
- New animals should be penned separately well away from existing animals if possible.
- Do not reduce or remove milk replacer if calves are scouring.
- Either provide electrolytes to scouring calves between milk feedings or provide a suitable anti scour treatment that can be fed in whole milk or milk replacer. Always follow the manufacturers recommended feeding directions.
- A good anti scour treatment should include electrolytes and a suitable supply of energy.
- Consult Veterinarian if scours are persistent or contain mucous or blood.

### *Changing Milk Replacers.*

- If you have changed milk replacers mid way through rearing the animal this will often cause nutritional scours.
- To solve this problem start feeding the original Milk Replacer again if possible or if this is not possible mix the original milk replacer with new milk replacer.
- This process known as "shandying" involves mixing the original milk replacer at  $\frac{3}{4}$  the recommended weight with the new milk replacer at  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the recommended weight.
- Gradually reduce the weight of the original milk replacer and increase the weight of the new milk replacer until the correct weight and strength of the new milk replacer is being fed.

For Further information on any of the points mentioned above contact your Palastart representative on 1800 067 919.

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