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Ask the VMD



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If you have a question you would like answered by the team from Valley Animal Hospital, send it to Ask the VMD, Box 366, Lititz, Pa. 17543. Questions will be kept anonymous on request.

Colt castration, a question of cutting.

A reader asks:

Why can't the basic horseman or farmer castrate the new born colt while the testes are down during its first several days?

We used to want to wait and see if the colt would make an outstanding stallion. We wanted to put a husky neck on the animal, so we would wait until he was two or three years old before we would castrate him.

Now we are sweating necks to thin them up.

Stallions are a dime a dozen and the vet wants \$50 to cut them.

I think a 1980 management decision would be forth coming. Why not cut the colt during the first 10 days with a razor blade?

John Liggett,
197 Smoketown Road
Lewisburg, PA

Dr. Sheaffer comments:

I am not in favor of castrating infant colts with a razor blade.

Testicles in a young horse are not always properly descended so early in life. And, there is a problem with controlling hemorrhage. It is often difficult to ligate or crimp the vessels in the cord.

The presence of male hormones, primarily testosterone, in the normal

growth process is important in the development of healthy muscle and bone. Withdrawing the hormone at such an early age will usually result in smaller, effeminate body structure.

It is difficult to sterilize properly a razor blade or pocket knife. I believe that when surgery is performed on an animal the right sterilized surgical instruments should be used.

Surgical procedure on a two or three year old is much safer than on an infant colt. A two year old's testicles are generally better developed, structures are more easily defined, and they are descended through the canal in a more definite way.

Under developed or partially descended testicles are more difficult to remove

Senate approves bill to expand crop insurance

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Senate Monday approved and sent to the House a House-Senate conference bill to make comprehensive crop insurance available to all farmers and on all major crops throughout the Nation.

Sen. Herman E. Talmadge, chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and

completely. Occasionally it takes from 24 to 30 months before complete development of the testicles takes place.

In conclusion, have your veterinarian examine your colt to determine when is the best time for castration. Let the colt mature at least to eighteen or twenty-four months of age before putting the knife to him.

Forestry, said the expanded crop insurance program is urgently needed to provide farmers with adequate protection against losses from natural disasters, such as the extended drought that continues to grip much of the southern and southwestern parts of the country.

The new all-risk, all-crop insurance program will be phased into place over a period of time starting with 1981 crops.

"The protection the existing programs provide often is insufficient or non-existent to meet emergencies when and where they arise," Talmadge said. "The present federal crop insurance program is now available in only about half the Nation's counties and on only 26 crops. In Georgia, only 61 of the state's 159 counties are included in the existing crop insurance program."

"It makes no sense to me — and it makes no sense to farmers affected — that this insurance protection is available to some and not to others, even when they may be neighbors operating farms side-by-side divided only by a county line," he said.

The measure approved by the Senate extends the present limited Federal crop insurance coverage to all counties and to all major crops and would increase the capitalization of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation from \$200 to \$500 million.

Federal crop insurance protecting against loss in

yield must make available to farmers coverage for 75 percent of normal yield and lesser levels including a yield coverage of 50 percent. Under the insurance program, the Federal government would, in general, pay 30 percent of participating farmers' premiums on that portion of each policy insuring up to a maximum of 65 percent of yield. Indemnity payments would be based on the projected market price.

The bill includes a number of provisions designed to assure that the private insurance industry will have the opportunity to participate in the expanded, all-risk crop insurance program. The bill would authorize private companies and agents to participate in the program if approved by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation. The Federal premium subsidy would apply to all-risk privately written insurance that is reinsured by the government, as well as to coverage provided directly by the government.

In addition, the conference bill gives farmers the option of eliminating hail and fire coverage from their Federal policies and substituting coverage from private firms. Where this is done, the premium charge on the Federal policy would be reduced by amounts ranging from 15 to 30 percent, depending on rates for private insurance in individual areas, to offset the reduced coverage.

PUBLIC SALE

FARM EQUIPMENT, HOUSEHOLD, ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES,

We, the undersigned selling our farm will sell at Public Auction; 3 miles N of Middletown, 3 miles S of Myersville along Middletown-Myersville Rd.; Frederick County, Md.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

BEGINNING AT 10:00 A.M. D.S.T.

FARM EQUIPMENT

Ford red bellied tractor (good rubber) with 2-12 in. bottom plows, cultivator and six ft. rear mounted scraper blade; IHC Model H tractor (good rubber) 2 sets - 38 in. tractor chains, David Bradley ensilage cutter and pipe, IHC-11-7 grain drill, NH ½ barrel cement mixer, 2 tractor mounted cord wood saws, IHC 50 T baler, JD corn binder, IHC 8 ft. grain binder, IHC side-delivery rack, NI 206 manure spreader, 28 ft. hay elevator 12 ft. seeder; wagon and flat bed; 1 hole corn sheller, 1 horse 5 shovel corn cultivator, 2 horse wooden beam plow, 3 horse wooden beam plow, potato covering plow, NI - 7 ft. tractor mower, disc harrow, spring tooth harrow, lot of log chains, heavy RR jack, large lot of old harness, anvil and hardy, grindstone, hand drill press, lot of old iron and junk iron, blacksmith tongs, blacksmith vise, 2-30 gal. cast iron butchering kettles, copper bucket, portable Surge milker pump, stainless steel milk tank (no compressor); large truck tarpaulin, 16 - 9x34 tractor tires and tubes (good), 40 ft. extension ladder, feed carts, odd sizes electric motors, lot of cattle show halters and blankets, 2 sets of stilyard scales, string of sleigh bells, Unico Roto tiller, Pennigan 60 inch self-propelled lawn mower.

2 WOODEN WHEELY SULKY CART (BUILT BY LANGDON OF MYERSVILLE 1917). OLD CUTTER SLEIGH, PONY CART.

HOUSEHOLD AND COLLECTIBLES

Solid walnut cradle (over 200 yrs. old), round oak extension table with 2 leaves, oak server, oak sideboard, old Curtis Gouker bureau, 6 straight back oak chairs, old high chair, camel back trunk, old blanket chest, school desk and 6 chairs, butchering ladles and flesh fork, lot of jars, crocks all sizes; wooden peck measure, pottery jars, meat hooks and apple butter stirrer, old baskets, treadle sewing machine, G.E. refrigerator, Keystone kitchen cabinet with flour bin, Hoover portable washer, large cast iron heatrola (wood/coal), cast iron parlor stove, Unico 30 in. electric stove, 2 cane seat chairs, cane seat rocker, porch swing, 24 cu. ft. Unico upright freezer, 2 twin beds, pitcher and bowl set, Philco stereo, old toys, picture frames, bed linens, pots and pans, 16 gauge Stevens shotgun, old piano rolls and many other articles too numerous to mention.

TERMS OF SALE: CASH and no property to be removed until settled for. 5% sales tax will be collected unless exempt certificate presented.

Not responsible for accidents on premises.

MRS. ANNIE BRANDENBURG AND BRUCE BRANDENBURG

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PUBLIC AUCTION

ANTIQUE HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS & COLLECTIBLES TRUCK, FARM MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT

Having sold her farm, the undersigned will sell at public auction the following on the premises known as 1921 GRAFTON SHOP ROAD, approx. ½ mile South of intersection at Md. Rte. 23, 2 mi. SW of Forest Hill, 4 mi. NW of Bel Air in the 3rd election district of Harford County, MD.

ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th

Farm Items at 10:30 AM (EDST)
Antiques at 11:30 AM (EDST)

Farm Items: Disc and Springtooth Harrows; 2 Bottom Plow; IHC 7' Mower fro "H" tractor; NH 404 Hay Crusher; Corn Sheller; Mustang C.B. Radio; Scrap Metal.

Antiques: 4 Wardrobes, one w/bevelled mirror; Oak drop leaf table; round walnut table; Pressed back, plank bottom, walnut caned, oak Captain's Chairs; Bentwood Rocker; 6 Bentwood Ice Cream Parlor Chairs; 2 Blanket Chests; 4 Beds; 100 yr. old STEINER Violin in original case; Brass fireplace tools and folding screen; W. War I soup kettle, canteen, etc.; City window ice box; Picnic Basket; 3 Trunks; Wooden Boxes; Books - some 1st Edition; Illustrated Readers; Atlas; Post cards; Journals, receipts, letters dating from 1845 - some referring to Pres. Lincoln; Original Photo of Pres. Lincoln and son; Christmas ornaments; Oil Lamps; Lantern; Pillow Shams; Bed spreads and Linens; Afghans; cotton prints and Feed Bags; Mantle Clocks; Blue Nipon Dishes and Flowing Blue; Misc. chinaware; Wash Boards; Dated and Blue Jars; Pictures & frames; Oil Heater w/brass front; Treadle Sewing Machine Stand; Electric Train Parts; Model A Ford Motor. ALSO Columbian Wood Stove, old Electric Range - both in exc. cond.; Refrigerator; Camper ice Box; Wringer Washers; Small Appliances; Vases & flower Pots; Potted Plants; Lamps; Pots & Pans; Dresser; Metal Cabinets; Electric Clock; Coal oil Space Heater; 3 Reel Mowers; Rotary Mower.

NOTE: This sale contains many interesting items collected by several generations of an old Harford County family.

ISABEL WEST GRIEDER, Owner

Forest Hill, MD

Tele.: 301 - 838-7036

To settle the estate of LEONARD EVANS (late of Harford County) the following farm personal property will be sold at the same location by his heirs:

'77 Chev. 1 T Model 30 Truck w/metal Stake Body - Custom Deluxe w/7000 miles; 9' Ford 535 Haybine; Transport Roller Harrow; IHC Grain Drill - 13 disc x 7"; NH 256 S-S Hay Rake; Brillion CCP-02 7 tooth Chisel Plow; N-I 1 Row PTO Corn Picker w/Husking Bed; NH 68 Hay Baler w/Kicker; Old Field Sprayer; Mayrath 32' Elevator; J-D Lime Spreader; Old Wooden Box Lime Spreader; acetylene Cutting Torch, Tanks & Cart; Lincoln 225 Amp Electric Welder; Craftsman Bench Grinder; Old Work Bench & Vise; Hand Drill Press Stand; Sunbeam Electric Lawn Mower; Jackson Lawn Spreader; Small Tools and Farm Supplies; 100 rough cut Locust Posts - 7'

Georgia E. Howard, Atty.
Bel Air, Maryland

Terms - Cash

Not responsible for accidents on day of sale

John H. O'Neill Auctioneers Kenneth C. Travers
Forest Hill, Md. Aberdeen, Maryland

Lunch Available

PUBLIC ESTATE AUCTION

FINE FURNITURE, CRYSTAL & CHINA; STAINED GLASS DOME; ANTIQUES; ORIENTAL RUGS; GRANDFATHER'S CLOCK; FARMALL CUB TRACTOR

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1980

At 10 A.M.

Located between Kutztown & Krumville, turn off Rt. 737 at Braund Farm for 1 mile, Berks Co., PA.

This fine personal collection of furniture, crystal, china, etc. is being sold for one of the 2nd generation partners of EBELING & REUSS Phila. Importers of Hummels, fine china & crystal since 1886.

Chinese rug 6'x8'6"; Oriental Rugs 10'9" x 13'9", 9'2" x 12'2", 9'6" x 12'6", 4'x5' runners; Tiffany style leaded stained glass light dome by Duffner & Kimberly; 2 stained glass table lamps; German grandfather's clock w/moon dial, 3 wt. movement; Chinese bar cabinet lacquered w/carved ivory reliefs; ornate carved 10 pcs. DRB w/china closet; ornate highly carved bar cabinet; 2 prs. of carved & inlaid 2 drawer marble top stands; carved Victorian sofa; Chinese 4 panel screen lacquered w/ivory reliefs; mahogany secretary; ornate highly carved oriental chest; walnut corner cabinet; ITALIAN SAN POLO Venezia ceramic pcs., inc.: 6' tall working Nymph Fountain, 3'x6' wall relief "Wild Horses", bullfighter fig., and Mermaid plaques; cut crystal decanters; cut glass vases & bowls; Ruby & Blue cased crystal stemware; Spode bowl; Limoges; Demitasse coll.; ornate English Bone China service for 12; lot asstd. Schumann German Empress Chateau Dresden china; 1 horse sleigh; 2 horse truck sleigh; buggy whls.; split oak basket; port. cement mixer; Farmall Cub tractor w/snow blade & sickle mower; plus many fine additional antiques & furniture.

Terms - Cash or PA. Check at auction (rugs - cash only)

Ordered by Robert Ebeling, Jr. & American Bank & Trust Co. of PA.

Executors for the FRIEDA L. EBELING ESTATE
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