

Swine Satellite Short Course Set

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — Penn State Extension now has satellite broadcasting capabilities at the Lancaster Farm and Home

Center and will be presenting a program by Purdue University entitled "Improving Swine Production Efficiency."

The program involves three sessions with midwestern university swine specialists, veterinarians, and experienced swine producers discussing and demonstrating various aspects and new methods of swine production.

The short course will be held from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. on January 11, 18, and 25, and will include panel discussions, prerecorded segments, and opportunities to call in questions to panel members.

The January 11 telecourse will feature information on environmental laws impacting livestock producers, manure management plans, improving air quality, and employer-employee relations with an emphasis on father-son arrangements.

Topics on January 18 include using records to evaluate change in a hog operation, keys to a successful hog operation, maintaining grain quality in storage, and porcine reproductive and respiratory

syndrome (PRRS, or Mystery Swine Disease).

Strategies for small producers, marketing and purchasing co-ops; troubleshooting ventilation problems; and how artificial insemination can work for individual producers will be discussed during the January 25 telecourse.

The telecourse is sponsored by

the Purdue University Cooperative Extension service and is supported by Pfizer Inc., Pig Improvement Co. Inc., Indiana Pork Producers Association, National Pork Producers Council, and Moorman Manufacturing Co.

Preregistration is required by calling the Lancaster extension office, (717) 394-6851.

County Sets Dairy Day

BROOKVILLE (Jefferson Co.) — The Penn State Cooperative Extension Offices of Jefferson and Clearfield counties announce that the annual Dairy/Crops Day will be held on January 31, at the Ramada Inn, DuBois.

There will be tables (six feet long) available for you to reserve at \$15 each to display your sup-

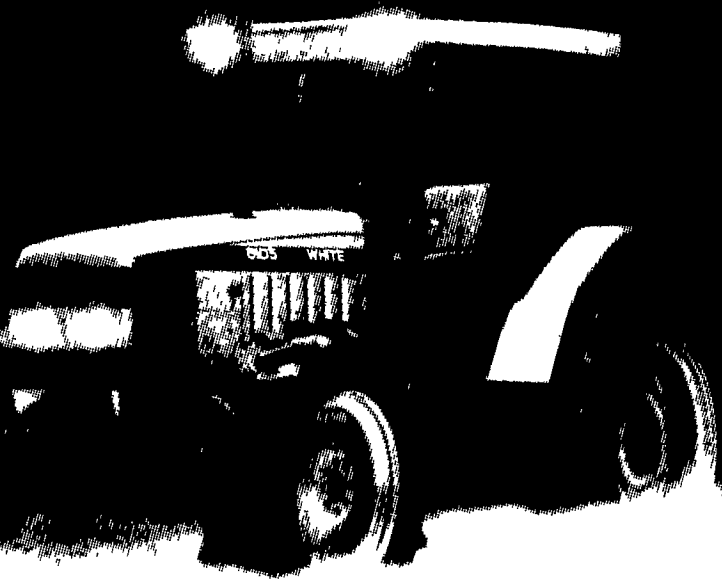
plies or services available to area farmers. Setup time will begin at 8:30 a.m., with farmers registering from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

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Farm Forum

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was adored at every track where I stabled my horses and the long list of those who said, "...if you ever decide to give him away, please let me know." But these memories are quickly washed away with my tears as he lay breathing somewhat laboriously, trying to compensate for the restricted blood supply to his lungs.

Though I was told by someone very dear to me to "stop beating yourself up", it was more of a touching response to my grief than to the sadness of the situation. *All this could have been prevented had I given the Big Guy his heartworm medicine every month, a thought that will stay with me*

until we join up again.

I share this lamentable experience at the expense of my reputed "way with animals." This is a small price to pay, if one reader changes course and becomes a pet owner more responsible than was I.

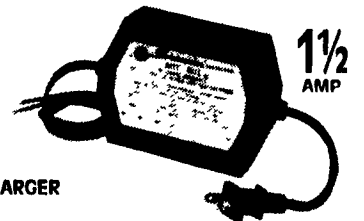
Should this happen, we can all thank Rocky for being.

Dick Brooks
Repaupo, N.J.

Note: For those who are concerned with Rocky's immediate needs, at this writing he is not in pain though he is experiencing some discomfort. This has been minimized with painkillers. If it was otherwise, the vet would have put him down earlier today.

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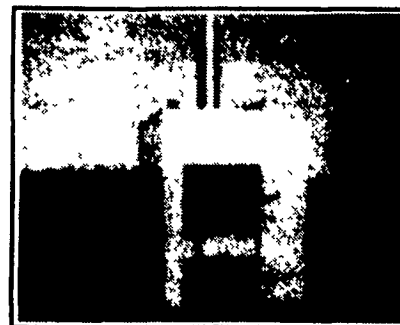
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