

"Learning quiet herding and handling techniques is worth the time and effort.

Feedlots I have consulted with have found that implementing quiet handling practices rewarded them with better animal performance and less sickness."

- Dr. Temple Grandin

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AFAC has some funds available to help sponsor livestock handling extension. Call or email AFAC for details.



CATTLE HEALTH CARE & HANDLING

Improving livestock
well-being.



AFAC PROGRAMS

Our objective is to continually improve livestock well-being. One way AFAC accomplishes this is by offering customized livestock handling and care programs for producers, feedlot personnel, 4-H and other rural audiences.

Alberta's livestock industry recognizes the benefits of these programs and that livestock health and welfare are vitally linked.

PRESENTER

The **Cattle Health Care & Low Stress Handling** program was developed and is presented by Michelle Welsh.

Michelle and her husband own and operate Rocky Creek Charolais near Strathmore. She majored in Animal Science at Lethbridge Community College and has worked with cattle and horses all her life.

Michelle has extensive applied and practical experience in the feedlot industry. Since 1987, she has been providing animal health care, compiled data and training staff at various facilities on procedures, product and conduct.

She has worked with Agri Vet Health Services, Cattleland Feedyards, Western Feedlots, Bruce Farms and Castle Crow Cattle Corp.



"Michelle is well informed and continuously updates her knowledge in all aspects of animal health — from the feedlot to the packing plant"

- Lyle, cattle producer

PROGRAM OUTLINE

Cattle Health Care

1. Recognizing the animal(s) that require assistance
2. Determining what area of wellness is affected
3. Choosing a response
4. Understanding steps of the therapy protocol
5. Documentation & due diligence

Low Stress Handling

1. Animal behavior
2. The human connection
3. Moving an individual herd animal
4. Working a herd

TARGET AUDIENCES

Cow / calf handlers including

- ✓ producers, ranchers
- ✓ auction markets, grazing lease staff
- ✓ Green Certificate and college students
- ✓ feedlot staff (backgrounders / finishers)
- ✓ hutterite colonies

PROGRAM DETAILS

Michelle's **interactive services** include:

- **Customized evaluation** of current operating procedures to identify the needs of your team
- **Hourly training** (subject specific)
- **Extensive one to four day workshops** including classroom session & hands-on training.
- **Post training results evaluation**

After each training session, Michelle makes recommendations for maintaining the level of knowledge. Contact Michelle at 403.901.0783 to book.

"Michelle taught me a lot of things I was very uncertain about and gave me confidence to do my job correctly ... I have seen a huge improvement in my cattle pens and in the time it takes me to check."

- Jacey, pen checker, Cattleland Feedyards