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Newborn calf being cleaned by mom on D2 Ranch in North Powder. Owned by Don and Jessie Dodson.

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In this issue we've included photos OCA received on Facebook after a recent call for magazine cover photos, check out page 18. The cover photo on this issue was submitted to OCA on Facebook.

OCA had over 100 photo submissions from ranchers and families across the state. We hope to make this a regular feature in the magazine, so please continue to submit your photos and help tell your story. You can send photos to orcattlemaneditor@gmail.com.

-Robyn H. Smith

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Facing unique obstacles paves way for success

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I had bought this little bunch of cows from a fellow who had lost fascination with the cattle business. They were sure the right type for my way of evaluating: moderate size, fairly gentle, black and young. I noticed when we were sorting out a few culls (that weren't part of the sale) a lack of respect when trying to stop them.

Most of the cows I was associated with were pretty easy to sort, redirect, or stop.



Photo of President Nash and Rodger Huffman, OCA Animal Health/Brand & Theft Chair at the National Cattlemen's Beef Association Annual Convention in New Orleans in February.

Very minor shifts in posture, the tip of a horse's head, a step forward or back was all that was needed. These new cattle would brush right past a person that tried to step into their space. I learned to make bolder moves when handling them and most of them learned to be more respectful.

The cattle I took out to the Forest Service

Permit were constantly being moved and it wasn't always an easy transition for new cows that didn't understand the migration routes. We had made it from mid-April to early July without either the new cows, or I, having a major conflict.

Early in July I was taking the cattle up Timber Creek when this cow turns around and walks right past my horse on a very narrow trail. The three dogs that accompanied me told her to turn around, but she continued on. I knew her calf was with the rest of the cattle ahead of me, so I pursued her in an effort to turn her around.

Running down canyon trails is silly enough,

but add in hawthorn brush, steep drop offs, rock shelves, downed logs and it's stupid. And as I stupidly ran past the wrong way, my horse turned broadside to block her while she pushed into us and eventually got around again.

It was by far the worst place I'd ever roped a full-grown cow and I'm pretty sure the first time she'd ever been roped. I did get her headed in the right direction for a while, then she ducked off a steep pitch to double back, so I dallied up and stood my ground. Now my trail was more stable than hers and while my dogs had another conversation with her about a direction change, she decided going up Timber Creek wasn't such a bad idea.

I'd like to end the story right there but some of you are wondering how I got my rope off. Now, as I was pondering how I'd get my rope off and she was traveling at a nice brisk pace, I had slowed to swipe some hawthorns from my face when I realized the end of my 50-foot rope was about to leave my hands.

One wrap on a slick mule hide horn with a motivated cow on the other end apparently isn't sufficient, but it's all I had left to work with. The tail of the rope will however break the sound barrier when loosed making a small sonic boom and taking all the skin off whatever, it touches.

Soaking my right hand in the cool water of Timber Creek, I contemplated some of the decisions I had made. I then got up, retrieved my rope, tied it off to a tree, cut it close to the honda and pressed the cattle on up the trail.

The actions I took that day remain ingrained in my mind and a calcium bump on my knuckle. As I rode back to the pickup, I felt a sense of satisfaction in getting a job done with the tools available.

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EPD	16	-2.8	78	146	0.28	1.93	0.3	1.29	18	0.44	0.52	0.56	1.32	12.2	12	27	81	0.5	-29	69	0.91	0.54	0.054	162	123	69	77	115	61	176	297
Acc	0.52	0.73	0.64	0.54	0.36	0.36	0.48	0.38	0.34	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.25	0.31	0.33	0.41	0.42			0.45	0.36	0.37	0.32								
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EPD	10	-0.2	68	130	0.27	1.64	0.2	1.72	25	0.24	0.35	0.48	2.31	17.8	9	34	56	-0.2	-21	51	0.75	0.71	0.066	128	89	97	74	93	54	148	289
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From the desk of your Executive Director

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By the time you read this article it will be the month of March. Wow, how does time go by so quickly? Oregon was well represented in February at the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association Convention with our President Todd Nash, Animal Health and Brand Committee Chair Rodger Huffman, Public Lands Committee Chair and President Elect Matt McElligott, NCBA Region V Director Skye Krebs and me. This contingent was engaged to provide the Oregon perspectives and contribute to the policy discussions. It was time well spent!

The Legislative Session is keeping me hopping as I navigate the committee meetings and assist the OCA Leadership, Legislative Committee, and membership in their engagement efforts. I am so proud of the OCA members who have taken the time to contribute testimony during the hearings and written testimony into the record. Legislators are noticing that OCA is actively participating. The “Beef Day” in the Capitol will have occurred by the time you receive this edition of the magazine. At the time of this writing, we expect 33 Legislators and staff to attend the hosted reception and 54 appointments have been scheduled in the Capitol. Once the Capitol construction is completed, we will be able to once again have areas to gather and show off all of the goodness of the beef industry.

Unfortunately, that won’t be available to us until the 2025 Session. In the meantime, we bring Legislators to our group offsite and go into the offices in small numbers. I cannot over emphasize the importance of your participation and interactions with your elected officials. If the drive to Salem is out of the question, please watch for opportunities to speak with your House of Representatives and Senate members when they are back in District and/or join them for their virtual townhall meetings. They want to hear from their constituents.

I do want to offer a note of acknowledgement and appreciation to every member who responded to the call for magazine cover photos. We are making space in the magazine to share photos with you. I know you will enjoy them as much as I have. It is always heartwarming to see our members in action. Thank you!

Membership renewal season will wrap up officially at the end of this month (by directive in our Bylaws). The 2023 Membership Directory will be printed and mailed to every member. If you haven’t yet renewed, we have made it very easy to renew on the website www.oregancattle.com or by mail. Every member has been contacted via email or via the postal service. I have shared on many occasions the importance of dues to the financial support of this Association.

Your dues, a small percentage of your check-off, which we are required to compete for and magazine ad sales are the three legs to the OCA revenue portion of the budget. I am well aware that there are myriad demands for your hard-earned dollars. Thank you for your ongoing financial support.

As time marches on, so does your hardworking Board of Directors, Committee Chairs and small staff. We are here to serve you. With enthusiasm and an eye on the end of this Legislative Session – Tammy Dennee, OCA Executive Director •

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A short list of bills and issues we're tracking this Legislative Session

Rocky Dallum
Political Advocate

The first two months of the Legislative Session have been busy for OCA, as we work to familiarize ourselves with new legislators, introduce them to OCA and our agenda, and analyze nearly 3,000 proposed bills. The OCA Legislative Committee meets bi-weekly to prepare for hearings, take positions on bills and provide staff with feedback. The Capitol is open to the public, and while not everyone can make the trek to Salem, your voices are being heard whether by ranchers coming in person or the multitude of OCA members who have testified virtually.

The session has started with a more collegial tone than in prior years. First, having legislators in-person certainly humanizes the process and reduces the type of division that exists purely via video meetings. Secondly, with so many new legislators and leaders, there are fewer scars from prior legislative battles lingering over the Legislature. We'll see how long the mild bipartisanship lasts as they focus on several shared goals of addressing housing, homelessness and bolstering our semiconductor industry (which could deliver federal funds within the state). These are all shared goals, but the devil, as always, is in the details. Still, in light of those major priorities, individual legislators and their committees are focusing on plenty of bills of interest to OCA and our members.

Each session, OCA takes a leading role on wildlife issues, particularly those that implicate risks for livestock and feed. We were pleased to start the session with hearings on several bills in Senate Natural Resources, most notably increasing the Wolf Management Compensation and Proactive Trust Fund (SB 471). Several other bills (SB 828, and HB 2631) also look to bolster this important program. We thank Senators Bill Hansell (R-Athena) and David Brock Smith (R-Port Orford) and Representative Bobby Levy (R-Echo) for chief-sponsoring these bills.

While we're working with our natural resource partners on a number of wildlife issues, one of greatest concern to the OCA Legislative Committee is SB 199, which would give the Fish & Wildlife Commission authority to regulate predators – likely a mechanism to provide protection for coyotes, beavers and other species through rulemaking. We had a number of OCA members appear during the hearing to express opposition.

Beyond wildlife, we're finding a range of bills where OCA is expressing opposition or seeking changes. One bill, HB 3158, would impose taxes on tires, diesel and rental equipment in order to fund new electric equipment. Another suite of bills (SB 85, 398, 399, and HB 2667) take aim at either the stock water exemption or our feedlots, as well as dairies, chicken farms and other animal feeding operations. We've sought changes to bills that impact our working lands, including a carbon sequestration bill (SB 530) and a soil health initiative (HB 2998). OCA has joined coalitions to express the risks to our members and their herds if these types of bills pass. By the time this edition hits your mailbox, we'll likely have engaged on dozens more.

With just over a month in, we still expect a number of issues where OCA will be active, including more proposals on water law, additional wildlife data tracking, and of course budget. We'll know more about the state budget picture later in the spring, but we continue to advocate for funding for meat processing, wolf deterrence and compensation, OSU Extension Services, and investment in our rural fairgrounds.

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Farmers Ending Hunger (FEH) is an Oregon nonprofit whose mission is to deliver high quality, locally grown food commodities to the Oregon Food Bank Network. Established in 2005, the first major donation was 163,000 pounds of frozen peas delivered to the Oregon Food Bank in the fall of 2006. With this successful proof that the model would work, the organization was off and running. With a small grant from Oregon Food Bank (OFB), the nonprofit hired Executive Director John Burt in January of 2007. FEH founder and board president Fred Ziari is often quoted as saying, “Who better to feed hungry people than farmers.” And he was right!

Since that humble beginning FEH has delivered over 33 million pounds of food commodities to the Oregon Food Bank network. Using the network’s distribution model and agreement, food is delivered throughout Oregon to any of the 23 Regional Food Banks including Clark County, Washington.

The major commodities donated include fresh potatoes and onions, wheat that is processed into baking mix, cattle that becomes hamburger, fresh and processed vegetables, and fresh fruit. The organization seeks donations in semi-sized loads to scale up food distribution to feed even more hungry families. The quantities are in the order of 100,000 pounds of baking mix, 205,000 pounds of fresh sweet cherries and over one million pounds of onions and potatoes on an annual basis.

One of our largest and longest standing donors is Threemile Canyon Farms in Boardman. FEH has been partnering with them since 2009 with donated cows and the shared cost of purchasing hamburger. Over 400,000 pounds of hamburger have been donated to date through this partnership and the cost to FEH has remained at 35 cents per pound. Over the life of this tremendous partnership. Today, Farmers Ending Hunger delivers about 7,200 pounds of hamburger monthly to the OFB network.

A favorite program is a partnership with county Livestock Associations and their “Ranchers Feeding Kids” (RFK) program. FEH first partnered with Anna-Marie Chamberlain in Malheur County in 2010 when she was the OSU Extension Agent. They were not able to cover the



John Burt at the Pendleton Round Up raising money and awareness for Farmers Ending Hunger.

cost of processing, so FEH agreed to cover that cost and count the pounds. Since that time, FEH has paid for the processing of over 50 head of beef cattle in Malheur County. Most recently FEH has worked with Bonnie and Chris Christensen and the Livestock Association.

The Prairie City School District has been another big partner with 25-head of cattle donated to date. They work with the local ranchers in the Livestock Association and then handle the details. FEH then reimburses them for all costs. The latest donation came through the Dayville School District in Grant County and FEH paid for processing and transportation. Their Superintendent, Robert Waltenburg, had heard about the partnership with Prairie City and reached out.

The RFK program is unique for FEH since the donated beef ends up in school cafeterias instead of the OFB. OFB and FEH both agree that the program still feeds many hungry children, and they fully support it. This is the only food donation program that does not end up going directly to OFB.

FEH would love to expand the RFK program to more counties. The one hitch is that the cattle need to be processed at a USDA certified facility. This means that there is a need to transport cattle to Nampa, Idaho, and Elgin. FEH has partnered with Butcher Boys in Prineville and Mt. Angel Meats and Kalapooia Valley Processing in Brownsville on the west side. FEH welcomes cattle donations and will work to make sure the food goes directly to people experiencing food insecurity.

The other part of the organization is fundraising. The public are invited to donate funds through the “Adopt an Acre” program. Donors can figuratively adopt an acre and help FEH get food from point “A” to point “B,” and cover the costs of handling, packaging and transportation if needed. The goal is to make sure the donated food commodities get to OFB with no further cost and it is packaged to fit in a standard emergency food box.

For more information on donating food commodities or adopting an acre, please contact John Burt at: burtjgb@gmail.com, 503-931-9232 and visit www.farmersendinghunger.com. You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram [@farmersendinghunger](https://www.instagram.com/farmersendinghunger). •



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Statewide Planning Program protects ag land use

Jim Johnson

Land Use and Water Planning Coordinator, ODA



The Oregon Statewide Planning Program (Program) will turn 50-years-old this May. A hallmark of the Program has been and, remains to be, the protection of the state's agricultural industry. A significant level of protection has been achieved by maintaining both the land base and the ability of farmers and ranchers to operate without conflict from non-resource land uses.

Key tools in the Program include exclusive farm use zoning which regulates land use, parcellation, and the establishment of urban growth boundaries. These tools are implemented through state statutes established by the Oregon Legislature and administrative rules adopted by the Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC). These laws have evolved over time in response to lessons learned in their implementation and to the dynamic nature of the changing land-use landscape.

While the Program has achieved a significant level of protection for agriculture, there are issues and concerns related to its implementation and the long-term viability of the industry. Some of the key issues are briefly discussed here.

NON-FARMLAND USES

The Exclusive Farm Use (EFU) zone allows for more than 50 land uses not directly related to farm use to potentially be sited on agricultural land. For most cases, the law does not require any consideration of the loss of agricultural land due to non-farmland use approvals, either individually or cumulatively. This has become a concern in many agricultural areas around the state. There is also increasing concern relating to impacts to the ability to operate on farms and ranches by non-farm development. Examples include irrigation practices, water supply, speculative land values, and ability to utilize common and accepted farming practices.

There are also several individual non-farmland use types that have raised concerns in the agricultural community. Some of the most active are discussed here:

- **Home occupations** may be allowed in an EFU zone, subject to review standards. State law vaguely defines what a home occupation is. A wide variety and intensity of land uses are routinely being approved as home occupations on EFU zoned lands. A high percentage of these approvals involve alcohol related businesses, bed and breakfast inns, short term rentals and other lodging related operations. There

is increasing concern that many home occupations are becoming the predominant use compared to the residential use that should be primary use. There are also issues with impacts that may impact area agricultural operations.

- **Commercial activities** that are in conjunction with farm use (CACFUs) is another non-farm EFU use that is broadly applied and vaguely defined in state law. Besides the obvious agricultural related uses such as farm implement dealers, seed and fertilizer facilities, and agricultural fabrication, many CACFU approvals are for alcohol and recreation related activities. According to LCDC reporting, 38% of CACFUs approved are related to the production and tasting of alcohol products.
- **Power generation facilities** and associated transmission lines are increasing converting large tracts of agricultural land. Many of the approvals have involved high-value farmland or other important farmland that many times contain agricultural related water rights or valuable rangeland and pastureland. Agriculture is land and soil dependent. The siting of power generation facilities too requires land, but they do not require quality soils. Loss of agricultural water rights has also been raised. Promotion by energy interests has increased the speculative land values of agricultural lands, impacting the ability of farmers and ranchers to purchase, rent or lease lands at past agricultural land values. Another issue that has developed is jurisdiction, that is who reviews and approves a proposed energy facility. Many projects are brought before the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) instead of local government. This has become an issue because in some cases, the EFSC has approval standards that are considered less onerous than those required by Oregon counties.
- **Agritourism** is not defined in state land use law. It can include farmstands, u-picks, corn mazes, B&B farm stays, camping, classes, tasting rooms, parks, trails, concerts, festivals, and the beat goes on. There are several ways that such uses are approved, with no consistency, county to county around the state. While agritourism can provide addition revenue to farmers and ranchers, it can also present all kinds of conflicts to neighboring operations. Examples of common conflicts include noise, dust, trespass, traffic, ability to conduct farming practices such as pesticide

application. Such conflicts are many times amplified by agritourism having no connection to commercial farm use and when the tourism aspect becomes the predominant use instead of farm use. Current law requires that an agritourism activity be determined to be necessary to support the commercial farm uses in the area. The law also requires agritourism to be incidental and subordinate to the existing commercial farm use of the tract. It has not been uncommon for agritourism to be approved where farm use is more of a secondary use.

SUPER SITING

Recently, there have been many attempts, both successful and not, to skirt land use requirements by changing existing law to “super site” a specific land use type or project. Examples include recreational development, industrial developments, urban growth boundary expansions and power generation facilities. Such actions, many times, are aimed at land use laws focused on the protection of agricultural lands and practices.

REGULATION OF FARM USE

Farm use is defined in state land use statute and is permitted as a land use of right within lands zoned EFU. State law precludes the regulation of farm use for nuisance and trespass reasons and generally precludes regulation by land codes with some exceptions. With the encroachment of non-farm and urban development onto agricultural land, there has been increasing debate as to the need to regulate farm use through land use regulation. Size, scale, operating characteristics, and commodity type

are some examples of areas where regulation might occur.

One cannot dispute that Oregon agriculture is a key, important element of the state’s economy. According to Oregon State University Rural Studies Special Report 1080, agriculture related production accounts for \$33.3 billion or 15,4% of the state’s economy. Agriculture related business accounts for 20.3% of the state’s jobs and production at the farm gate exceeds \$5 billion. Oregon agriculture is an important part of the state’s trade sector. 75-80% of the value of Oregon agriculture comes from sales outside the state. This establishes Oregon agriculture as a key trade sector of the state’s economy, bringing new money from outside back into the state. The importance of agriculture to the state’s economy and the viability of Oregon agriculture is dependent on protecting the land, water, and ability of farmers to operate. The Oregon Statewide Planning Program is key to achieving that maintenance. •

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Interview with Tri-County CattleWomen President Deena Fidler

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As Operations Manager of the Oregon Beef Council (OBC), one of my favorite times of the year is Authorization Requests (AR season as I call it), budget planning and state contracts. The AR process gives our marketing and corporate partners the opportunity to submit a proposal for the upcoming year working with the OBC to enhance the delivery of our education and promotion messaging. County CattleWomen groups and community partners also send in requests for sponsorships and support to assist them in their events and continued education on beef in their local areas.

During the AR season I receive emails, phone calls and visits to the office from those wanting to work with us. During this process I get to meet some truly creative, passionate, and exceptional people. Today I would like to highlight one of those people and thank her for being an advocate for the Oregon cattle industry. The following is an interview with myself and Deena Fidler, a cow-calf operator in Redmond.

Randi: Please introduce yourself and share your association with the cattle industry.

Deena: My name is Deena Fidler, I with my husband Zach and daughter Brooklynn run a small Angus seedstock operation in Redmond Oregon. We sell our bulls at the Buchanan Angus Ranch Bull Sale in February, we are honored to be part of this sale. We strive to continue to produce quality functional females and bulls, both genomically and phenotypically as we strive to do our best to find top end genetics for our herd to be utilized by cattle producers. My husband began Fidler Cattle Co. with the cows in 2012 and when we started dating I told him, “I did not like cows.” That quickly changed as Zach insisted that his “are different” and he was right.

Currently I serve as President of the Tri-County CattleWomen (TCCW), Central Vice President for the Oregon CattleWomen and Co-Chair for Team Beef Oregon. To say that escalated quickly is a mild understatement. God has a plan. I trust that.

Randi: Last fall the Tri-County CattleWomen group was created. Tell us more about the purpose and goals of this organization.

Deena: Originally the goal of the Tri-County CattleWomen (TCCW) was to get established and have a solid foundation. The prior organization dissolved years ago, however in September 2022 we started a revival and it would not have been possible without Oregon CattleWomen President, Diana Wirth’s instrumental hand guiding us. With this ELITE team of women, we quickly had officers elected including myself, and my daughter who is the youngest secretary

(15 years old) to serve the Oregon CattleWomen at county level. I was not expecting to be president, although I am honored and grateful for the privilege. This group of women are in some way involved in the cattle industry and live in one of the three counties we serve: Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson.

The CattleWomen reside on three pillars: Education, Advocacy, and Legislation. I am proud to say that in five months we are hitting all three. Our education team is developing a steer/heifer in the classroom lesson, and already has activity folders for children participating in tours at local butcher shops.

We are planning our Cattle in the Classroom lessons and our education chair, Dawn Alexander, has three third-grade classrooms signed up to participate and we plan to have several more classes in the fall.

Recently, high school juniors are attending meetings. The importance of youth stewards is beyond words. I hope that when the next generation looks back, the TCCW is full of “the best memories” and where most learn how to steward and advocate for an industry that won’t survive without them.

In February the legislative team of the TCCW traveled to Salem for the Ag Summit. Recently, TCCW had a presence at the BLM Solar Farm planning meetings that are currently affecting

the Western United States, and we will continue to advocate on behalf of the Oregon ranchers.

Randi: You also serve as co-chair for Team Beef Oregon, promoting beef advocacy while utilizing beef as the protein source for personal health and growth in sports. Where is Team Beef Oregon headed in the near future and can anyone be involved, or do you have to be an athlete?

Deena: Team Beef Oregon (TBO) continues to develop with an established team of twenty members. As we move forward with Team Beef Tuesdays, our weekly highlight of athletes via social media, we learn more about the person, their passion for beef as their main protein, and athletic training. While reaching out to the team applicants most conversations end with “I love Beef” or “Beef is very important” as excitement of being part of the team beams through the other end of the phone.

Team Beef is a welcoming collective of running athletes as well as ALL types of participants. We want to grow not only our team but our committee to help us to serve this purpose and continue our expansion, with a push to the possibility of runners in higher populated areas. This year our applications open August 2023, and we are hoping to increase our membership and advocacy of beef.



Deena Fidler rocking her Team Beef Oregon race shirt.

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Randi: You have graduated from the Masters of Beef Advocacy (MBA) program, what are your top takeaways from this national program and how do you apply what you learned?

Deena: This has been useful with learning more about the meat packing part of the industry. I am still learning, and I will use every resource that I can to better educate myself for an industry that I love and I believe in. This tool works! As the industry becomes more under fire, this program has helped with conversations already in my area with people that have or are interested in purchasing cows from Fidler Cattle Co. Recently I was asked at a gathering where people can find "healthy beef". I was able to answer with some pointers from the MBA! This program is better equipping me as I learn more. Team Beef Oregon requires completion of the MBA for its athletes because this program helps educate advocates, giving them tools to use with interactions and promotions of BEEF.



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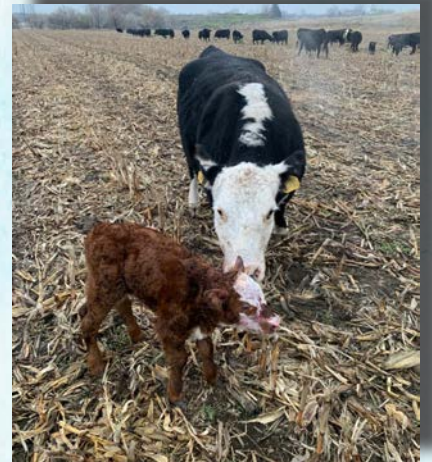
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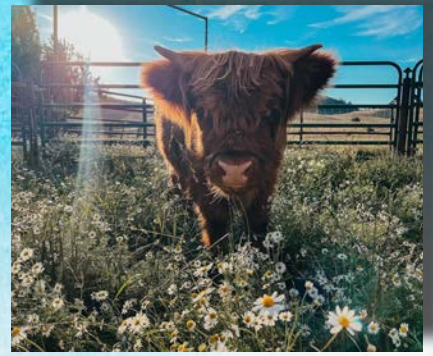
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Regenerative Ranching: What is it and how does it benefit ranchers?

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The last few years have seen growing interest in regenerative agriculture as well as the role it can play in “natural climate solutions” that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase carbon storage, and improve landowners’ resilience to drought and other climate-related stressors. Agriculture has long been portrayed as a major culprit in climate change, so it’s exciting to see the federal government, through the USDA, making recent historic investments in programs that will support farmers and ranchers who want to transition to regenerative agriculture. Some of that money is coming to Oregon via Sustainable Northwest’s new Regenerative Ranching Program.

A looming question, however, is how to effectively support farmers and ranchers transitioning to these practices. Based on research I conducted in the U.S. West (including Oregon) and Australia on this topic, I suggest that ranchers are not primarily motivated by arguments that focus on the benefits to society of climate change mitigation and soil carbon sequestration. They need a better understanding of the broader set of benefits associated with regenerative ranching as well as the challenges they might encounter if they seek to transition their operations. They also need the right kind of financial, technical, and emotional support.

WHAT IS REGENERATIVE RANCHING?

Regenerative agriculture is defined by a set of principles and practices that aims to restore and maintain soil health and fertility, biodiversity, watershed health, and soil water retention, all while improving ecological and economic resilience. On farms, practices include no till farming, use of cover crops, and use of compost to stimulate plant growth instead of synthetic fertilizer. Regenerative ranchers use strategic or holistic planned grazing or adaptive multi-paddock grazing to increase soil carbon sequestration and perennialization, moving livestock frequently between habitats and across elevational gradients to follow optimal forage conditions as they shift during the growing season and to allow sufficient rest and recovery of grazed pastures. These grazing strategies mimic how ruminants, or grass-eating animals, lived in the wild before industrialized agriculture took hold. An alternative to continuous or regular rotational grazing based on a calendar, this approach avoids the overgrazing that damages pastureland. Regenerative ranchers are very aware that grazing can be environmentally destructive if not managed correctly, thus the strict adherence to monitoring and adaptive management, and the

oft-repeated mantra: “It’s not the cow, it’s the how.”

Regenerative ranchers also seek to leverage natural ecosystem processes, e.g., on rangelands they encourage deep rooted native perennials that are self-sustaining vs. introduced annual species like alfalfa. And they approach pest problems by tending to fundamental ecosystem processes to create balance in the system, reducing the need for pesticides and herbicides. Regenerative ranching’s focus on building healthy soil and functional ecosystem processes makes possible production of good forage for animals and improved water holding capacity of soil, which increases resilience to disturbances like drought, floods, and freezing temperatures.

HOW DOES REGENERATIVE RANCHING BENEFIT RANCHERS?

My research found that what motivates and excites ranchers to persist on the regenerative path is not the promise of climate change mitigation or soil carbon sequestration per se, but a suite of other ecological, economic, and social benefits. The biggest draws were the benefits associated with the process of perennialization or transitioning from introduced monocrops like alfalfa to deep rooted native perennials; more ground cover; more forage productivity; increased biodiversity; and increasing resilience to climate-related stressors such as drought, floods, fire, and pests, as the soil water holding capacity increased. Ranchers also get excited about increased profits associated with reduced expenditures on expensive inputs like synthetic fertilizers and pesticides, and, for many, increased stocking rates. Regenerative ranching also improves psychological well-being through increased self-efficacy and a stronger connection to nature. Thus, effective communications about regenerative ranching should portray climate change mitigation as a co-benefit, and not the primary goal.

WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES ASSOCIATED WITH REGENERATIVE RANCHING?

Transitioning a conventional industrial farm or ranch operation to a regenerative, climate smart operation involves a steep learning curve. Successful regenerative ranching requires a nuanced understanding of fundamental ecosystem processes, e.g., the mineral cycle, energy cycle, water cycle, and community dynamics, and how to leverage them to increase climate resilience while maintaining food and fiber production goals. It requires a fundamental shift from reductionist thinking to systems

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thinking, and many regenerative ranchers adopt holistic decision making to help them stay on the regenerative path.

It also requires a new set of skills. Ranchers must gain proficiency in monitoring their land and animals and being able to see and nimbly respond to subtle signs in nature, including opportunities to leverage natural processes to get nature working in their favor instead of trying to control it solely with chemicals, for example. They need to know when to move animals in and out of paddocks to protect and enhance the soil and vegetation; how to move the animals efficiently, e.g., through the use of Low Stress Livestock Handling; and when to destock or add numbers to match land conditions.

Transitioning a conventional operation to a climate smart operation can take three years or more and requires persistence, dedication, and commitment to ongoing learning.

IMPLICATIONS FOR SCALING UP REGENERATIVE RANCHING

Given these challenges, becoming truly regenerative and climate smart in a ranching context involves a lot more than money. Financial support is certainly necessary, but in no way sufficient. A well thought out approach to providing technical support is needed, along with strategies for providing ongoing coaching and mentoring. Ranchers need a safe space to experiment, fail, make mistakes, ask questions, express fears and insecurities, and build trust in the new way of doing things.

Because the practices associated with regenerative ranching are so different from conventional industrial agriculture, newly transitioned regenerative ranchers also need peer support through communities of practice and new social networks. Until it becomes the new normal, ranchers who learn about and seek to transition to regenerative ranching will face tremendous pressure

to revert to conventional practices from their peers, neighbors, family members, and industry. These networks and support structures will need to be cultivated, supported, and funded.

To be sure, adoption of regenerative ranching is challenging, and won't be realistic for every rancher, especially those whose operations are largely dependent on public lands, where there is less freedom to experiment with regenerative practices. But for many ranch operations, the benefits of embarking on this journey will outweigh the costs and challenges, especially as climate stressors continue to challenge the viability of their operations. Engaging in regenerative practices improves ranchers' overall social, economic and psychological well-being, and an added co-benefit is that it will help them play an important role in solutions to our climate crisis.

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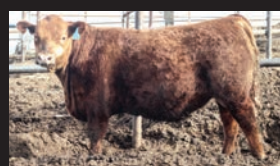
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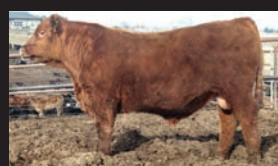
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With an energy so invigorating, you cannot help but feel empowered to be part of the beef industry surrounded by everyone in New Orleans at both the American National Cattlewomen (ANCW) and National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA). This February, New Orleans hosted men, women and toddlers who gathered to advocate for an industry that is nutritious, delicious, and sustainable. A few highlights included the Collegiate Beef Advocacy Program (CBAP), hosted by ANCW and sessions full of dynamic speakers whose messages mirrored our mission to educate, empower and advocate for this industry.

The CBAP is geared towards college age students that develop as beef advocates and leaders for the cattle industry. This program provides an outlet for students to use their strengths to connect with consumers and peers to promote beef. Oregon Cattlewomen are revitalizing this program within our state

as an outreach to younger generations expanding their horizons. No matter where their paths lead, we need all professions advocating for beef.

An important point made during a session was by Colin Woodall, NCBA Chief Financial Officer, who reminds us that one of the industry's goals is to make sure all meat is properly prepared. Outreach of online cooking classes and recipes are available, especially following the pandemic, because people are out and about again, but consumers are still cooking and eating as a family. The industry has reached a 30-year high in beef demand.

Oregon made a statement, with some of our speakers featured at the OCW annual meeting in Sunriver highlighted: Adele Schott from Wallowa County, and Brandie Hinnen of Idaho. We are proud of their stories and how they educate others. A new story to add to our repertoire is that of Deanne Maples, Florida Beef Council Director. Deanne's story of partnering with Daytona 300 with "BEEF. It's What's for Dinner" reminds us of how the



Photo Left: Oregon and Washington Contingency to ANCW annual Meeting. L to R: Morgan Kromm, Dana Wirth, Diana Wirth (ANCW Parliamentarian), Susan Bunch, Katharine Bruce (ANCW Region V Director), Kady Porterfield (ANCW Board of Directors Chair) and Myles Femrite.

Photo Right: Generations of Cattlewomen, Dana & Diana Wirth foreground - in the background on the right side of the picture is Adele Schott, speaker from Wallowa County and OCW President-Elect Morgan Kromm

effort we put in is what we will get out. She shared the napkin she had made notes on from inception and the idea of partnering with this family-owned speedway. Car racing has a very loyal fan base. Spectators come from all over the United States, some drive motor homes from Seattle just so they can tailgate for three or four days. Cuts of beef are prepared each day before the race; they might start out with hamburger the first day and work their way to a brisket and then prime rib on race day. The exposure of 2 million viewers with over 200,000 people at the show watching is an event the beef industry felt they could not pass up. It was a lot of work and required a lot of financial scrimping to carry out this feat. It was interesting to be the one receiving the education from Deanne instead of us, beef industry advocates, educating a consumer. We forget there are other niches we need to branch out in to reach beef eaters. She reminded us there is a fine line to walk, never forget your consumer who is already eating beef.

EDUCATION

I used the word sustainable in one of the above paragraphs. When looking up the definition of sustainability, you can find many. I feel it means, “fulfilling the needs of the current generation without compromising the needs of future generations, while ensuring a balance between economic growth, care for the environment and social well-being.” This depicts what the beef industry does year after year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 20 - 22 - ANCW Region V meeting, Denver, CO
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 June 10-11 - Join Team Beef Oregon to run the Ranch in Harney County. Kid and adult runs. Please visit our website oregoncattlegirls.org and look under Ranch Run 2023. We will also be having our OCW Mid-Year Meeting. Come join us to run or help make this a successful event. •

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Measure 114 litigation outline and update

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The litigation landscape for Measure 114 is continually shifting with five different suits brought against the measure since passing in the November election. The first to file was Oregon Firearms Federation (OFF), who put forth their lawsuit on November 20 along with the Sherman County Sheriff and the owners of Coat of Arms Firearms. The initial court date had been for December 2 but the judge did not rule on the requested injunction until December 6. At that time, the federal judge ruled a 30-day hold on the permit-to-purchase requirement but allowed the other components of the measure, namely the magazine ban, to take effect on the proposed effective date of December 8.

However, a mere 3 hours later, a judge in Harney County granted a temporary restraining order against all provisions of Measure 114 in a ruling on a lawsuit brought by Gun Owners of America. This order put a hold on the entirety of Measure 114 until a December 13 hearing to further review the suit's request for a preliminary injunction. On December 7, lawyers for the State requested the Oregon Supreme Court throw out the Harney County ruling and allow the measure to take effect. Surprisingly, the Oregon Supreme Court declined to intervene in the matter at that time.

In the hearing on December 13, the Harney County judge ruled to maintain the temporary restraining order on 114's permit-to-purchase system, noting that it would remain in place until the state notifies him that it is prepared to begin the new system, at which time he will schedule a preliminary injunction hearing to determine a ruling. He later issued a preliminary injunction against the 'large capacity' magazine ban portion of the measure.

The different rulings on different aspects of the measure are due to a 'severability clause' in the measure which means if one part of the measure is deemed unconstitutional, it does not throw the whole thing out. Each portion must be weighed separately and may receive different legal outcomes.

Several other lawsuits are waiting for their hearing dates to be scheduled. Pending lawsuits include a suit brought by the National Shooting Sports Federation (NSSF) and Oregon State Shooting Association (OSSA), and two additional lawsuits brought by Firearms Coalition Policy, one with Sportsman's Warehouse and another with Grayguns, Inc. and G4 Archery.

Oregon Hunters Association (OHA), filed two amicus briefs in early January, supporting the lawsuit brought by NSSF and OSSA, both members of the sportsmen's coalition formed to fight the measure prior to the 2022 election.

The first brief was filed in conjunction with Ducks Unlimited; the second was filed with other members of the coalition including Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Ducks Unlimited, Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation, National Deer Association, Oregon Wild Sheep Foundation, Delta Waterfowl, Safari Club International, and Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation.

Two OHA members provided depositions to the amicus briefs that gave individual voices to our arguments. Kelly Parkman, Hoodview Chapter president and Learn to Hunt founder, spoke to the detrimental effects Measure 114 would have on new hunters and those wanting to expand their hunting skills into new areas of game that require specific firearms. James Nash, outfitter/guide and podcast personality, wrote eloquently about his experiences as an outfitter/guide, hunter, and veteran, all of which would be negatively impacted by the measure.

In early February, the Oregon Supreme Court rejected the State's second request that the court order Judge Raschio (Harney County) to vacate his two preliminary orders staying M114. Again, the Oregon Supreme Court declined to intervene, stated the case is not yet 'procedurally ripe' for them to intervene.

This is a meaningful win for the current state cases and also for the remaining lawsuits pending in federal court. Since Judge Raschio's stay against M114 remains in place indefinitely, the federal lawsuit's preliminary injunction hearing has been canceled and those cases will proceed to trial, likely in May or June of this year.

The legislative session may confound the litigation efforts if legislators are overzealous in an attempt to 'fix' or implement Measure 114. It would be detrimental to undermine the litigation efforts by instituting changes to the original Measure 114 language and requirement since those unconstitutional and burdensome components are the basis of the numerous lawsuits. At this time, however, the stay against M114's components remains in place, indefinitely, and therefore Oregonians may proceed with purchasing firearms as normal and the magazine restriction also remains on hold. •

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NCBA defends Oregon producers from WOTUS Rule

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The National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) has filed a lawsuit against the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) challenging the Biden administration's final "Waters of the U.S." (WOTUS) rule that will be implemented in April 2023. NCBA has taken legal action to defend farmers and ranchers from the negative impacts of this regulation.

"While NCBA is able to achieve many of its policy priorities without ever going to court, utilizing the judicial branch is an important tool in our toolbox to ensure that cattle producers are treated fairly under the law," said NCBA Chief Counsel Mary-Thomas Hart.

The EPA unveiled an incredibly vague definition of WOTUS in December 2022 and the final rule was published in January 2023. NCBA then joined a coalition of 13 other national trade associations in filing a lawsuit seeking to block the rule from going into effect. NCBA has long advocated for a WOTUS definition that excludes ephemeral and isolated water features from federal jurisdiction while providing exclusions for water features commonly found on farms and ranches, such as stock ponds, prior converted cropland, and drainage ditches.

Prior to filing a lawsuit, NCBA submitted technical comments on the Biden administration's proposed WOTUS rule, highlighting the importance of maintaining bipartisan agricultural exclusions for isolated features like prairie potholes, vernal pools, and ephemeral features that only flow during periods of rainfall but remain dry throughout the rest of the year. Regulating these features at the federal level disrupts normal agricultural operations and interferes with cattle producers' abilities to make improvements to their land.

Under this rule, many cattle producers in Oregon have water features that could face federal scrutiny and hinder normal management practices. The state of Oregon is dense with isolated and ephemeral streams, canals, and ditches that could be regulated federally under this WOTUS ruling. Of the 300,000 miles of streams in Oregon,

71% are classified as ephemeral or intermittent. Even though these features do not have continuous flow of water and are often located on private property, they could still be scrutinized under the Biden administration's WOTUS definition.

On average, the federal government has changed the definition of WOTUS every 3.8 years since the Clean Water Act passed in 1972, leading to decades of confusion for cattle producers. NCBA is hopeful that some clarity will be granted by reaching a decision in the ongoing Supreme Court case *Sackett v. EPA*.

While NCBA is suing to halt the final WOTUS rule, the association also filed an amicus brief before the Supreme Court in the *Sackett* case. This case challenges the federal government's authority of isolated wetlands and those features that are adjacent to traditional navigable waters.

"The *Sackett* case is an opportunity to finally solidify the EPA's proper jurisdiction," Hart said. "NCBA has long fought for a consistent WOTUS definition that offers clarity for producers, so we hope the final Supreme Court ruling will provide that."

The *Sackett* case will clarify the scope of the EPA's regulatory powers under the Clean Water Act. At stake is whether the EPA can expand the definition of "navigable waters"—which limits their authority—to include any small, isolated water features on privately owned land. The decision of this case will be a good indicator of where NCBA's WOTUS lawsuit is heading.

Through this lawsuit NCBA is working to ensure that the voice of cattle producers in Oregon and across the nation, is heard in the courtroom, and that they are treated fairly under the law. For more information on our efforts, please visit www.ncba.org.

NCBA's policy and legal wins are only possible because of our members. Join NCBA today to help us continue achieving wins that benefit the entire cattle industry! Visit ncba.org/join or call 1-866-BEEF-USA for more information.



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What's happening with over-the-counter antibiotics: What producers need to know about GFI #263

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Antibiotics are important for both animal and human health. They can be used to prevent and treat infections caused by bacteria. However, when antibiotics are used improperly, bacteria can become resistant to treatment. Antibiotics used in livestock can contribute to the emergence of antibiotic resistance in bacteria that can be transferred to people. When bacteria become resistant to antibiotics, these antibiotics are ineffective at treating infections in livestock and people. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), each year in the U.S., more than 2.8 million people get sick from antibiotic-resistant bacteria and more than 35,000 people die as a result. When antibiotics are used excessively or inappropriately, the likelihood for developing antibiotic resistance increases. In both 2020 and 2021, about 13 million pounds of antibiotics were sold in the United States for use in livestock (see Table 1).

About a decade ago, the U. S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM) developed an action plan to limit antibiotic resistance arising from livestock. The first part of the plan (Guidance for Industry (GFI) #213) was directed at antibiotics used in the feed or drinking water of food-producing animals

(livestock, poultry, farmed fish, honeybees). Availability of these antibiotics changed from over-the-counter (OTC) to requiring a special veterinary prescription, known as a veterinary feed directive (VFD).

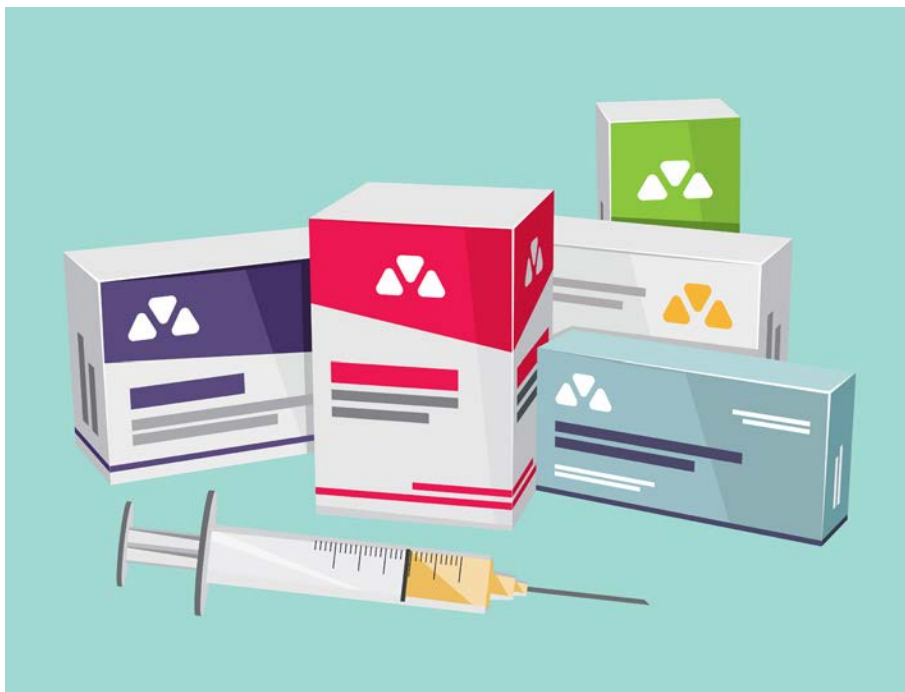
Since the implementation of GFI #213, approximately 96% of all antibiotics used in livestock require a veterinary prescription. The remaining 4% of antibiotics used in livestock are given by injection or as a bolus or administered directly into the mammary gland. GFI #263 is an extension of GFI #213 because it will require a prescription for ALL antibiotics used in animals by June 11, 2023. Farm supply stores that had previously sold OTC antibiotics will not be allowed to sell prescription antibiotics unless they obtain a pharmacy permit.

Before a veterinarian can issue a prescription to a livestock producer, there must be a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR). The specific requirements for a VCPR vary by state. Requirements for a VCPR in Oregon and the surrounding states are shown in Table 2. In general, veterinarians are not required to examine each individual animal for which a prescription is issued, as long as the veterinarian has established a valid VCPR with the livestock producer that owns or cares

for the animal(s) in need of treatment. Establishing a VCPR generally requires that the veterinarian has become familiar with the management of the animals on a given farm or ranch by examining the animals and/or visiting the facility where the animals are managed. It is not known if GFI #263 will directly affect antibiotic prices, but livestock producers should expect an increase in their annual veterinary expenses associated with establishing and maintaining a VCPR.

Illness and infections in livestock are rarely predictable and never convenient. Planning ahead will ensure that producers can care for their livestock in a timely manner when it matters most. Before June 11, producers should have a VCPR with a veterinarian and plan in place for getting access to antibiotics if a veterinary visit is not possible.

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Macrolides	Draxxin, Micotil 300, Tylan 50, Tylan 200	1,153,214 pounds
Sulfonamides	Albon, Di-Methox 40%, SulfMed 40%, Supra Sulfa III Cattle and Calf boluses, Sustain III Cattle & Calf boluses	663,720 pounds
Lincosamides	LincoMed 100, LincoMed 300, Lincomix 100, Lincomix 300	390,940 pounds
Amphenicols	Nuflor, Resflor Gold	116,547 pounds
Cephalosporins	Excenel, Naxcel	59,398 pounds
Fluoroquinolones	Advocin, Baytril 100, Enroflox 100	53,643 pounds

Table 1. Amount of antibiotics (in pounds) sold in 2021 in the United States, which was about the same amount sold in 2020. Similar data for 2022 was not available at the time this article was written. Source: Food and Drug Administration. Summary Report on Antimicrobials Sold or Distributed for Use in Food-Producing Animals. 2021. Accessed on January 19, 2023 at <https://www.fda.gov/media/163739/download>.

State	Definitions	VCPR Provisions	Telemedicine Provisions
OR	Except where the patient is a wild or feral animal, or its owner is unknown; a VCPR shall exist when the following conditions exist: 1. The veterinarian must have sufficient knowledge of the animal to initiate at least a general or preliminary diagnosis of the medical condition of the animal; 2. This means that the veterinarian has seen the animal within the last year and is personally acquainted with the care of the animal by virtue of a physical examination of the animal or by medically appropriate and timely visits to the premises where the animal is kept. (OAR 875-005-0005)	Pursuant to the minimum veterinary practice standards, controlled substances and legend drugs shall be dispensed, ordered or prescribed based on a VCPR. If requested, a prescription shall be provided to a client for medications prescribed by the veterinarian under a valid VCPR (OAR 875- 015-0030).	Not Applicable
WA	A VCPR exists when all of the following conditions have been met: 1. The veterinarian has assumed responsibility for making clinical judgments regarding the health of the animal(s) and need for medical treatment, and the client or key party as defined in WAC 246-934-020 has agreed to follow the instructions of the veterinarian; 2. The veterinarian has sufficient knowledge of the animal(s) to initiate, at a minimum, a general or preliminary diagnosis of the medical conditions of the animal(s). This means the veterinarian: a. Has examined the animal(s) within the last year, or sooner if medically appropriate; or b. In cases involving operations with several animals, such as encountered at farms, laboratories, or in shelters, is personally acquainted with the keeping and care of the animal(s) by virtue of an examination of the animal(s) or by medically appropriate and timely visits to the premises where the animal(s) are kept. 3. The veterinarian is readily available for follow-up evaluation or has arranged for emergency coverage and continuing care and treatment (WAC 246-933-200)	The VCPR may be terminated under these conditions: 1. Veterinarians may terminate a VCPR as long as the termination does not constitute patient abandonment; 2. If there is an ongoing medical or surgical condition, the patient should be referred to another veterinarian for diagnosis, care, and treatment; 3. Clients may terminate the VCPR at any time (WAC 246-933-200). A veterinarian shall use or prescribe drugs only within the context of a VCPR. Veterinary prescription drugs are restricted by federal law ... to be used by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian. Extra label use is legal only when ordered by a veterinarian and within the context of a VCPR (WAC 246-933-200).	The veterinarian shall not establish a VCPR solely by telephonic or other electronic means. However, once established, a VCPR may be maintained between medically necessary examinations via telephone or other types of consultations (WAC 246-933- 200).

State	Definitions	VCPR Provisions	Telemedicine Provisions
ID	An appropriate VCPR will exist when: 1. Responsibility. The veterinarian has assumed the responsibility for making medical judgments regarding the health of the animal and the need for medical treatment, and the client (owner or other caretaker) has followed the instructions of the veterinarian; 2. Medical Knowledge. There is sufficient knowledge of the animal by the veterinarian to initiate at least a general or preliminary diagnosis of the medical condition of the animal. This means that the veterinarian has seen the animal within the last twelve months or is personally acquainted with the keeping and care of the animal, either by virtue of an examination of the animal, or by medically appropriate visits to the premises where the animals are maintained within the last twelve months; 3. Availability. The practicing veterinarian or designate is readily available for follow-up in case of adverse reactions or failure of the regimen of therapy (IDAPA 46.01.01.150).	The Board's code of professional conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following standards of conduct: A veterinarian shall not dispense or prescribe controlled substances, prescription, or legend drugs except in the course of his professional practice and after a bona fide VCPR has been established (IDAPA 46.01.01.152). A veterinarian may dispense or deliver a legend drug prescribed for an animal upon the prescription, drug order, or prescription drug order of another veterinarian (Idaho Code § 54-1732).	"Practice of veterinary medicine" in this state, through telephonic, electronic or other means, regardless of the location of the veterinarian, includes veterinary surgery, obstetrics, dentistry, and all other branches or specialties of veterinary medicine and means (I.C. § 54-2103).

Table 2. The specific requirements for a veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR) differ between Oregon and its surrounding states. Source: American Veterinary Medical Association. VCPR State Laws. Accessed on January 19, 2023 at: <https://www.avma.org/sites/default/files/2019-12/VCPR-State-Chart-2019.pdf>

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