

Keep A Close Watch To Reduce Cattle Worms

Close observation and routine cattle deworming are simple steps producers can take to reduce the economic losses and poor performance associated with worm infestation, says Ted Ledford of Kings Mountain Farm Center in Kings Mountain.

"Worms present problems for almost every cattle operator at one time or another, so a prevention and treatment program is critical to keeping losses at a minimum," Ledford declares. "Otherwise, operators can expect pro-

blems ranging from weight loss and anemia in their animals to carcass condemnation at slaughter."

Cattle operators examining their herds for symptoms of worm infestation should look for a poor hair coat, emaciation or diarrhea, the Purina dealer explains. "Poor feed efficiency or actual weight loss are also indications of worms," he adds.

When the producer spots any of these symptoms, a cattle manure sample is in order. "The veterinarian should be called to take and examine a sample for signs of worm eggs," Ledford says.

If tests confirm a worm infestation, the producer should start deworming procedures, the dealer says. "Feeder cattle should be dewormed with a product such as Purina Range & Feedlot Cattle Wormer at a rate of four pounds to a thousand weight before or after they enter the feedlot and again in 21 days if it's a bad infestation," he advises. "There's no need to run it through a chute; the wormer can be top-dressed over feed." Cattle should also be dewormed just before they're placed on pasture, and again in 21 days to prevent reinfestation, he adds.

In addition, the dealer says, as standard procedure, producers should deworm cows just before calving, so the cows won't be so readily pulled down by their calves during nursing. For spring calving, cows and calves should also be dewormed once during the summer to reduce pasture contamination. For fall calving, deworming should take place at weaning, or just before animals go on spring pastures, he adds.

Although proper deworming procedures and monitoring cattle for signs of infestation are simple tasks, they are extremely important to animal health and performance, the Purina supplier concludes. "Attention to these details can mean healthier cattle, fewer vet bills and more money at market time."



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Richard Byers, spokesman for the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad, said for routine ambulance calls and for wrecks which do not involve pin-ins, the county emergency number (482-4422) should be called. He said the local rescue squad will continue to do all types of rescue work but will be a backup to the county for ambulance transports.

The four paid members of the rescue squad, Roy Hammett, Jeff Cloninger, Barry Dellinger and Darlene Short, have resigned their positions with the squad and are employed by the County

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Mr. Gaston College Pageant December 5

The Black Awareness Coalition Club of Gaston College will sponsor a Mr. Gaston College Pageant on Thursday, December 5 in the Myers Center Auditorium.

The pageant is being held in order to contribute to the Red Cross emergency fund. From each \$2.00 ticket sold 50 cents will go to the Red Cross.

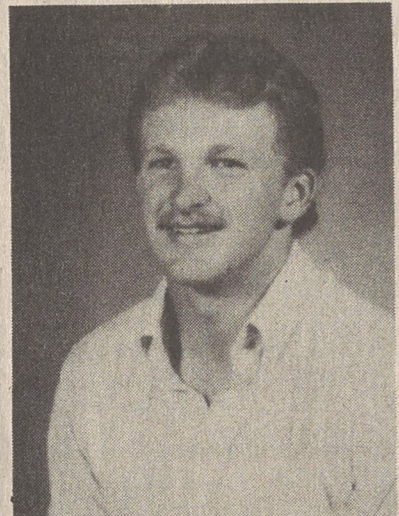
Beatrice Thompson, Reporter for WBTV will emcee the pageant. Campus club organizations sponsoring a contestant are the Student Government Associa-

tion, the Gamma Beata Phi, Social Services and the Black Awareness Coalition Club.

Students participating in the pageant are Vincent Carter, Scott Chaffee, Steve Foster, Mike Hollingsworth, Don Killian, Rodale "Bo" Thompson, Chris Walker and Daniel Zielonka.

The pageant will be held in the Myers Center Auditorium at 7 p.m. For further information contact the Club Advisor, Winston Bagley at Gaston College 922-8041, Ext. 304.

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Stroupe is among 60 students from Appalachian State University honored in the publication.

He is the grandson of City Commissioner and Mrs. Humes Houston of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Naomi Stroupe of Cherryville.

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