



Curly Tales



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Company Information

The staff at Chris Richards and Associates and Country Vet Wholesaling hopes everyone had a great Christmas and that the New Year will be prosperous for you all.

In early December last year the company employed another full time specialist pig veterinarian, Dr Rowan Wilson. Rowan will be assisting the other veterinarians in the field and office. See more about Rowan in Staff Profiles.

Chris Richards and Associates Partnership Program Annual Conference

16th and 17th March - Brisbane

Preparations are well underway for this year's conference to be held in Brisbane. Those clients eligible to attend will have received their invites by now and are required to respond by the end of January.

An exciting program is underway with the following speakers planned.

Partnership Program Conference Speakers

Dr John Carr – Iowa State University

John's areas of expertise are reducing the cost of production, piggery management, welfare and any topical issues.

Dr Darwin Reicks – Swine Vet Centre in Minnesota

Darwin is one of ten swine veterinarians who work out of this practice. He also assists in managing boar studs and maintaining their high health status. He will be updating us on the latest artificial insemination information and management of boars.

Dr Leif Van Agraar – Denmark

Leif is a private vet who works in a practice with six other specialist pig veterinarians. He is a very practical person with a good scientific basis behind his work. He will be discussing his experiences from undertaking

numerous disease eradication programs.

Dr Kev Sullivan – Veterinarian Qld

Kev is a pig and feedlot vet who consults to most of the cattle feedlots in Australia. Kev will talk about what practices and skills that are utilised in the feedlot industry can be applied to improve the pig industry.

Plus a surprise guest speaker!?!

Chris Richards and Associates and Country Vet Wholesaling wish to thank the following sponsors for their commitment to this year's Partnership Program Conference.



Product of the Month



RESTART



RESTART was developed by Dr Hugo Dunlop using the latest research and technical information to formulate a product that replaces the electrolytes, vitamins and minerals lost by the pig when scouring.

RESTART is more than just a standard electrolyte replacer. Its formulation ensures that pigs receive an accurate amount of both electrolytes and vitamins to replace those lost from the body. Many commercially available products are not pig specific and are merely a mixture of glucose

and salts with trace amounts of vitamins. Restart also contains a flavouring and sweetener to ensure that the product attracts the piglet to the solution and is extremely palatable.

Mixing Instructions

For Scouring pigs

Add 400g of RESTART to 10 litres of cold water
Administer in bowls and replace as often as consumed.

Restart can also be added via a Chemiliser at a level of 800g/10L for a 1:50 proportioner.

To assist milk consumption and growth in healthy suckers

Add 200g of Restart to 10 litres of cool water.
Administer in bowls twice daily or adlib via a turkey drinker.

It is available in convenient packaging in a 1 kg sachet (\$20 + GST) or 12.5 kg bucket (\$154 + GST).

Note: This product is more expensive than Standard Electrolyte formulas because it has been specifically formulated to include all of the scouring piglets requirements at appropriate levels. It is however cheaper than similar products used in other species.

Staff Profile - Dr Rowan Wilson

The newest member of our vet team is Dr Rowan Wilson, who comes to us with a wealth of experience in pig veterinary medicine. Rowan has just returned to Australia from a posting in Canada where he worked for Minitube, in technical support for a range of advanced reproductive technologies.

A graduate of the University of Melbourne, Rowan spent eight years as company veterinarian with Bunge/QAF, where he was responsible for implementation of cost effective medication programs, management of regulatory requirements and implementation of water medication systems.

He has served on several welfare committees and is a former delegate to APL.

Rowan is currently based in Corowa and is available to service existing and new clients in the Goulburn Valley, Northern Victoria and Southern NSW. Rowan will continue to be involved with implementing artificial insemination into farms and monitoring and auditing reproductive systems. Rowan can be contacted via the Bendigo office or mobile 0427 849 271.

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UP ON THE WEBSITE :**

www.chrisrichards.com.au

- Monthly Specials
- Disease Updates
- QA Forms
- Material Safety Data Sheets
- Newsletters
- Partnership Program
- Photos and descriptions of most Country Vet products

**Don't forget to keep your
pigs cool this summer or
the consequences may be
extreme!!**



Diary Dates 2004

March 16-17

Chris Richards and Associates
Annual Conference, Brisbane

March 18-20

Pan Pacific Pork Expo, Brisbane

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