



# Curly Tales



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## **Company Information**

The past month has seen some good rainfall in most parts of the country. This together with the recent increase in pig prices should give producers some renewed optimism.

Chris Richards and Associates clients will receive a free **Protecta-Cap** this month.

Protecta-Cap is a simple device that can save time and reduced bottle contamination. The cap is used to penetrate the top of drug bottles. It provides a stable, leak proof connection between the container and syringe.

The large sized air and particle filters allow for easy aspiration and injection. It gives reliable protection of drugs against microbial contamination and particles during withdrawal and can be re-used for 6-12 months.

These can be purchased from Country Vet Wholesaling for \$5.95 each.

## **Footy Tipping Comp 2003**

Our 2003 footy tipping competition concluded this month with the following results:

First – \$250 voucher  
Bernie Torney

Second – \$60 voucher  
Jack Mullane and Justin Kennedy

Third - \$30 voucher  
Ricky Sheahan, Jane & Max Vallance and Glynis King

Wooden Spoon – \$50 voucher  
Ron Taig

Congratulations and thanks to all who participated in this year's competition.



## Health Topics

### Coccidiosis

Coccidiosis is caused by the protozoa *Isospora suis* and is the next most common cause of scours in piglets after E. Coli. It is often called the '10 day old scour' as piglets start scouring from 7-14 days of age.

There are three phases to the coccidia life cycle. Firstly, eggs are passed in faeces and then eaten by the next pig. The eggs then develop into the next stage where they enter the lining of the intestine and multiply. (This is when the scour starts due to damaging the intestinal lining.) The organisms then generate eggs that appear in the faeces 5 days after infection.

The scour is usually grey-yellow, frothy or watery-pasty. Growth rate may be reduced but deaths are not common with coccidiosis unless conditions are very poor. Those that recover from coccidiosis are then immune to getting it again.

Treatment is not so effective once scouring occurs however providing electrolytes can help.

The following control measures can be undertaken:

1. Coccidiocidal chemicals such as Toltrazuril (Baycox) can be given on day 4-5 or sulphadimidine can be given on day 3 & 5 to prevent coccidia numbers building up.
2. Wash sows and disinfect crates before entering.
3. Reduce contamination by removing sows dung daily, limit fostering, keep dry and apply lime to floors.

Country Vet Wholesaling is offering FREE Coccidial Testing of YOUR herd.

Being able to test for coccidia enables you to determine if your control regimes are being effectively implemented.

When you purchase 6 bottles of Baycox, you will receive a free test kit and laboratory analysis worth \$100.



# Colossal



## Neonatal feed supplement for pigs

**Colossal** is a new product that contains the essential ingredients for the neonatal pigs.

**Colossal** is best given to piglets within the first 24 hours. It is easy to prepare, just add warm water, shake and administer.

**Colossal** is available in 500 ml shake 'n' make bottles, 1kg and 5 kg bulk packs.

As an introductory offer we are offering a free thermos to keep your **Colossal** warm with every 6 bottles purchased.



**Colossal** costs \$29.50 per bottle. This equates to 59c/dose. Bulk purchases can also be made.

Contact Country Vet  
Wholesaling to place an order.

## Partnership Program

By now all clients should have received their information packages on the **Partnership Program**. This is an exciting program that Chris Richards and Associates are excited to get underway. We congratulate all those clients that have joined the program. Please let us know if you have not received your Web Site username and password.

Plans are already in place to organise next year's annual Conference in Brisbane. This will be an exciting program with two full days planned with speakers from Australia and overseas.

The topics currently being considered are Optimising Production, AI and Boar Management, Employment and Management of Piggery Employees, OH & S, Nutrition and Current Veterinary Issues, Products and Technologies.

If you have any ideas or would like a specific area covered please contact the office.

If you have any questions about the **Partnership Program** and how it can be tailored to meet your farms' specific requirements please contact Chris Richards and Associates.

**DON'T FORGET TO LOOK  
US UP ON THE NEW  
WEBSITE :**

**[www.chrisrichards.com.au](http://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
- Events, Seminars

### **Diary Dates**

**November 13, 2003**

Chris Richards and Associates  
and Country Vet Bendigo Cup  
Day

**December 24, 2003**

Office will be closing at 3pm.

**January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

Office re-opens at 8.00 am.

**March 16-17, 2004**

Chris Richards and Associates  
Annual Conference, Brisbane

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