

# Check With Vet For Clearing Anaplasmosis

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If you are doing something and bad things don't happen it may not be your practice that prevented it. I have heard people say they feed CTC in their mineral or feed and it prevents foot rot, pinkeye, and anaplasmosis. Low level doses do no good, may cause germ resistance and gives false hope.

Two of my neighbors just lost six cattle each from anaplasmosis. Both were feeding CTC in their mineral mix. In times past we have tested and sorted positives (won't get sick) from negatives.

Negatives are given long acting oxytetracycline and kept from the others. The positives can be treated for the carrier state but would then be susceptible to the disease. Check with your vet about ways to clear them. It is a strange disease and may show up after years of no cases. Young

animals if treated will do fine, older ones or big bulls usually die. It is a blood to body bulk ratio situation plus young animals can replace blood fast as compared to older animals. One should never run them to the chute to treat. Use a pole syringe and treat on the spot. Calves if exposed at a young age may develop an immunity and never get sick. The organism is carried in fresh blood, needles and commonly by horse flies. I am told that these insects feed, go up and come down on another animal and expose it. It does not seem to go across the road or from far off. Of course when the flies are prevalent if there are clean and carrier animals the disease can happen anywhere. One should check the herd once or twice daily and look for white eyes, teats and vulva. They will be lazy from anemia. If you will treat them now they will usually survive. Δ

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