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2018 - A YEAR OF CHANGES

It has been said that the only thing certain in life is death and taxes. While that may be true, the other certainty we live through is “change”. 2018 was a year that saw a lot of changes at Mitchell Veterinary Services/Pauly Veterinary Clinic.

The year started with the retirement of Dr. Reg Reed after 40 years of practicing veterinary medicine, most of his career at the Mitchell Veterinary Clinic. Full retirement wasn't in the cards, and we were thankful he was able to return to practice on a part-time basis when we were short of veterinarians last summer. Our long time office manager, Eria Larsen, retired in 2018 also. There have been many new faces added to the Mitchell office to greet you.

Half way through the year Dr. Rick Knill's accident prevented him from practicing veterinary medicine for the remainder of the year. His recovery is going well and we expect his return to work in the new year.

We began the year 2018 sharing our after hours emergency large animal coverage with the vets of the Milverton Veterinary Services, Dr. John Hordyk, Dr. Jeff Sommers and Dr. Jason Brownridge. The success of this venture will allow us to continue it for 2019.

USMCA Trade Negotiations did not support the Canadian dairy industry despite our government's promises to do this. Continue to voice your opinions to your local government representatives. The upside is that it motivated the promotion of Canadian dairy products and the blue cow logo.

The other government change taking place late in 2018 is Health Canada's implementation of its regulations on the use and dispensing of antibiotics in agriculture. It is estimated that 80% of the global antibiotic use is in agriculture and only 20% in human medicine. The new regulations will eliminate the use of feed antibiotics for growth promotion, and reduce the use of injectable and water-soluble antibiotics as well.

One of my favorite verses is “Grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things that I can, and wisdom to know the difference”. Farmers are resilient and very adaptable when it comes to dealing with change. We at the Mitchell & Paul Veterinary Clinics would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a safe Holiday Season.

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