

## Getting Your Calf Home *Checklist*



### THINGS TO ASK THE SELLER:

- When was my calf weaned?
- What type of vaccination program did my calf go through?
- What type of feeding program has my calf been on?
- Is there a certain type of feed my calf should be on?
- What are your suggestions for converting to a new feed?
- How often has my calf been getting worked with?
- How familiar is my calf with the halter? Tying up? Leading?
- What type of daily routine has my calf been on?
- Is there any equipment you would suggest I use?
- Do you have any other recommendations or directions to help my calf get off to the right start?

### BEFORE BRINGING YOUR CALF HOME:

- Make sure you have a pen ready to go.
  - Clean out an old pen
  - Put fresh bedding/ shavings in new pen
- Make sure your watering system works appropriately. Or if you hand fill your water tanks, make sure you have one filled with clean water ready for your calf upon arrival
- Have supplies and feed ready to go
  - Buy feed (something your seller suggested or a ration you are used to feeding)
  - Buy a good forage source

### DAILY ROUTINE ESSENTIALS - FOR YOUR FIRST 3 WEEKS:

#### *Week 1*

- Get your calf home
- Introduce your calf to feed and water
- Walk through your pen each day
- Keep hay in front of your calf at all times

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### DAILY ROUTINE ESSENTIALS - FOR YOUR FIRST 3 WEEKS:

#### *Week 2*

- Get in the pen and scratch on your calf with your hand and a stick - 2 days
- Get a halter on your calf and tie them with their head lower on the fence - 2 days
- Tie your calf with its head up - 1 day
- Lead your calf around the pen - 1 day

#### *Week 3*

- Catch your calf and lead them into the wash rack area
- Blow your calf out first, each time
- Wash with soap - 1 day a week
- Condition hair after each wash/rinsing
- Showmanship practice - 20 minutes each night

### HELPFUL TIPS FOR KEEPING YOUR CALF IN A ROUTINE AFTER YOUR FIRST 3 WEEKS:

- Catch your calf for each feeding
- Wash or rinse your calf - 3-6 times a week
- Showmanship practice - 3 times a week
- Don't forget about the Sunday skip! We all need a day of rest and recovery!



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