Dry Cow Therapy

Steps to Optimize the Results of the Dry-Off Treatment Protocol

1. Wear gloves and change or disinfect them between each cow.
2. After milking is completed, thoroughly disinfect and clean the whole surface of each teat with a disposable 70% alcohol wipe.
3. Disinfect the far teats before the near teats to avoid accidental contamination of previously disinfected teats (follow the order of the numbers).
4. Always keep the antibiotic tubes clean and NEVER immerse them in water. Remove cap from the tube carefully and avoid touching the tip.

1. Infuse antibiotic into the teats in the opposite order of disinfection
2. Starting with the teat nearest to you, infuse the antibiotic into the teat. Massage the teat to get the antibiotic to penetrate into the mammary gland.
3. Repeat the disinfection procedure previously described before you proceed to the next step.
4. Apply the teat sealant in each teat starting with the teat nearest to you (follow the same order used to apply the antibiotic).

1. Pinch the base of the teat canal at the udder attachment and slowly inject all the tube content.
2. Apply a post-milking teat disinfectant. Treated animals should stand for 30 minutes to allow the teat canal to close.
3. Apply the dry cow leg band!

*Do not massage! The sealant must remain in the teat canal.

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