

Belman Laboratories veterinarians Dr. Dante Tuyay & Dr. Alexander Aggasid regularly receive inquiries through the ASK YOUR VET! hotline and email. This month, we feature the most frequently asked question by our callers/ texters.

What is the best way to prevent stress and diarrhea during a piglet's weaning period ?



During the weaning period, a piglet has to adapt to changes in diet, routine, and environment. The stress caused by lifestyle and bodily changes, coupled with bacterial infections, could contribute to various illnesses such as weaning diarrhea.

PREVENT WEANING DIARRHEA BY ADMINISTERING THE RIGHT FEEDS

To prevent weaning diarrhea, one must first focus on maximizing the digesting and resorbing capacity of the intestine. Provide easily digestible feed containing solubilized starch, easily digestible proteins (like milk protein and fishmeal) and enzymes. This way, digestion takes place in the earlier part of the gastrointestinal tract, and less feed residue (hemicelluloses) is available for microbial fermentation further down the intestinal tract.

Feeds must also be properly restricted and distributed in order to help decrease the pH level in the stomach, and stimulate hydrochloric acid and pepsin for a quicker and efficient digestion.

Solid feed can be administered as early as the suckling period, as this aids in the production of enzymes in the pancreas. A well-developed enzymatic system is essential to avoiding and battling various weaning problems.

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RESTRICT INTESTINAL BACTERIA AND PREVENT STRESS WITH FEED ADDITIVES

During the weaning phase, the piglet's immune system is slow to act. The animal is therefore at high risk of gastrointestinal disorder (scouring) because bacteria such as E.coli quickly multiply on unabsorbed nutrients in the intestine.

Feed additives such as antibiotics, organic acids, and probiotics can curb the proliferation of harmful pathogens in the digestive system. Chlor-SP, a broad spectrum antibiotic feed supplement with chlortetracycline, penicillin, and sulfadiazine, suppresses bacteria that interfere with the absorption of nutrients. It also increases the activity of organisms that synthesize growth factors.

Chlor-SP also helps reduce "stress" on the digestive system so that piglets can cope with the various bodily changes that occur during weaning. It also helps them easily adapt to solid feed.

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