SOP 5 - TREATING CATTLE

Purpose: To prevent residues in the human food supply.

- Check expiry date of medication before purchase and use.

- Enter the treatment and appropriate withdrawal periods (for meat and milk) into (dairy software)_____PRIOR to treating the animal to ensure the robot diverts the milk from the bulk tank.

- Read & follow label instructions. Calculate dosage and use proper techniques for drug administration. Ex: proper injection site / mode of treatment / size and gauge of needles.

- Use products approved for use in dairy unless there is a vet prescription saying otherwise. This includes only using registered pesticides.

- Get a vet prescription if using anything off-label (extra-label).

- Mark treated animals with: _____

- If a needle breaks in the animal and it can't be removed, record the animal's ID and needle site (proAction Record 11).

Other notes about treating animals at this farm:
   - _____
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- Alert all staff that an animal has been treated and reason for treatment.

- Record treatments for all cattle on the farm (calves, heifers, dry cattle, bulls etc.). Pesticides applied to animals are also considered to be treatments.

- Record treatments and appropriate withdrawal dates (for milk and meat) on proAction Record 10, the ADLIC calendar, or other permanent record, before treating animal.

   Need help tailoring this SOP?
   o Do you use alcohol wipes to clean teat ends before an intramammary infusion?
   o Do you have specific people who are permitted to treat animals on farm?