

How Carbon 2M Worked For My Livestock

My name is Janie Jensen, and I have been farming all my life. I work in animal nutrition, and heard of Carbon 2M through my job. I like the results I achieved when I treated my livestock with charcoal so I wanted to share my findings here.

March 2017

I had a coming three-year-old bull that suffered severe weight loss over the course of a couple or weeks. He was eating well, but not digesting anything. His feces was runny and very light coloured. It was obvious he was ill, and my initial thought was that he had winter dysentery, but it didn't clear up. I gave him magnets for hardware, but to no effect. I got a negative on Johnne's Disease, and I was told to try antibiotic therapy for a week, but there were no changes in symptoms by the third week of March. I prepared to put him down since he'd lost so much weight. Before I did that, I considered trying Carbon 2M to see if it would have any effect. With nothing to lose I put him on the charcoal product to see if he came around.

I really didn't know if it would work since he was so far gone, but I thought if they use charcoal to bind toxins in hospitals and vet clinics, then it was worth a try. I fed him 250gms/day in his feed once a day. He didn't like the looks of it and sniffed it out, but once he tasted it, he ate it all. I noticed a difference after about a week on this new diet. His feces started to thicken up, and by the end of the second week I noticed a bit of gut fill returning. That was a good indication that he was gathering nutrition from his food again. I kept him on Carbon 2M for two months continuously but I dropped the add rate to about one and a half to two cups a day.



My bull in mid-April

June 2017

On June 1st I semen tested my bulls, including the bull I brought back from the brink in March. I really didn't anticipate that he would pass, since he was still quite thin, but there was no harm in testing. The semen test was a fail with a 59% live sperm count, so I decided to fatten him up and ship him. I was just grateful that the carbon had helped him recover and he was gaining weight again.

July 2017

I lost a breeding bull to a hoof abscess in July, and had to find an alternate bull. Before I spent \$4000 on another animal, I decided to test my recovering bull who seemed to be consistently improving and gaining weight. On July 4th the vet semen checked the bull again (she didn't even recognize him as the same bull that had failed the test earlier) and gave him a frame score of 3.5, up from 1.5 -2.0 from the June 1st. Not only that, he passed the semen test with a 90% score!



The same bull in July

I'm not sure what exactly the charcoal did to help with such a remarkable recovery, but due to the carbon's high surface area, it may have bound the intestinal toxin or anti-nutritive antagonist that was having such a negative impact on the bull's digestive system. I felt it was remarkable that he went from the brink of euthanization to a breeding bull in only four months. I used it again in early August with a cow that expressed many of the same symptoms as the bull. She rebounded as well, but quicker as I used Carbon 2M Superfine in a drench right away, and continued with the fine Carbon 2M mixed in with feed pellets after that.F

I don't think Carbon 2M is a miracle cure that can solve any problem, but it is very effective at what it does do, which is adhere to and remove the impurities and toxins that can have a negative impact on livestock gut health. When I was travelling in Europe in 1989 I had an intestinal infection, and the doctor I saw also prescribed a charcoal treatment. It worked then and it works now.

-Janie Jensen