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# A Day in the Life of a Pen Rider

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## SADDLE UP

- Check gear
- Check horse
- Warm up



## PEN RIDE

- Check all cattle
- Remove unwell cattle
- Check surroundings
  - Pens
  - Fences/Gates
  - Water Troughs
  - Feed





# ACCLIMATE

- Handle new cattle
- Introduce to new environment
- Low stress



# TREATMENT

- Check
- Diagnose
- Treat
- Record
- Communication



# ARRIVALS

- Weigh Cattle
- Scan
- Count
- Visual Assessment
- Communication





# DISPATCH

- Weigh
- Scan
  - Check DOF
  - Check Withhold
- Count
- Paperwork
  - NVD
  - NFAS
  - MSA
- Communication



# INDUCTION

- Weigh
- Scan
- Specifications
  - Dentition
  - Breed
  - Sex
- Tag
- Record
- Communication





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# AUTOPSIES

- Check equipment
- Diagnose
- Record and document

# DRAFTING

- Specifications
  - Weight
  - Dentition
  - DOF
- Withhold
- Communication





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# HOUSEKEEPING

- Unsaddle and clean horse
- Clean stables
- Clean hospital area
- Clean equipment





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# MAINTENANCE

- Clean water troughs
- Repair fences
- Repair gates
- Cabling



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# AND....

- Training
  - New procedures
  - Consultants
  - Workshops
  - External training



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## PEN RIDERS ARE NOT JUST COWBOYS

- Job seems romantic
  - It really isn't!
- Pen riders are jack of all trades
  - Vet Assistants
  - Cattle whisperers
  - Health and disease experts
  - Houeskeepers
  - Record keepers
  - Compliance
  - Maintenance



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## LOGISTICS

- 7 days / week; 365 days / year
- All weather conditions
- Fair rosters
  - 7 on / 7 off
  - 5 on / 2 off
  - 10 on / 4 off
- Not all days are the same
  - Make sure have enough people for the day



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