# **MILK BAR PROTOCOL**

# The first two weeks are crucial: start controlled flow feeding as soon as the calf is born.

#### **DAY 1-3 : START-UP**

- For colostrum, use a yellow training teat.
- Set up your teat at 24 inches (60 cm) from the ground.
- Rinse and wash the equipment at each feeding.
- Place your teat so that the flat sides of the base are horizontal.



## DAY 4-14 : INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT

For best results, avoid moving calves before 12 to 14 days of age (less stress).

- Take a new regular black teat.
- Set up your teat at a height of 24 to 26 inches (60 to 66 cm) from the ground.
- Rinse with warm water and dry the equipment at each feeding. Minimum twice a week,
- wash the equipment with hot water mix with an alkaline soap and a brush with soft bristles.
- Don't forget to give fresh water and dry nutrients to your calves.

### DAY 14 TO WEANING: REGROUPING

#### **GROUP FEEDERS**

- Group the calves together (maximum of 2 weeks age difference in the same group).

- The same teat must follow the calves to the group feeder that suits you.

- Set up your teat at a height of 24 to 26 inches (60 to 66 cm) from the ground.

- Continue the same cleaning protocol.

#### AUTOMATIC CALF FEEDERS

- Group the calves together, once a week or when the teat is changed.

- Change the teat every 5 to 7 days <u>or</u> after 700 L of milk <u>or</u> when younger calves enter the group.

- Make sure the teat is 26 inches high (66 cm) from the ground.

- Adjust the wings of the teat so they are horizontal to the automatic distributor.

- Continue the same cleaning protocol.



THE SECRET? Let the calves drink at their own pace!

