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### *Dr. Zoë Ross (formerly Clark)*

*Dr. Zoë Ross (formerly Clark) was born in Montreal in 1975 and was raised in the Medicine Lodge Hills west of Bentley, Alberta on the family sheep and horse farm with her younger sister Janna. By the age of 12 she was sure she wanted to become a veterinarian, specializing in large animals. She graduated from Bentley High School in 1993 and was class valedictorian and commenced her pre-veterinarian education at Augustana in Camrose the following year. She continued at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, graduating with a Degree in Agriculture. Zoë then applied for entrance to the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in Saskatoon but was unsuccessful in this first attempt. She was hired by Dr. John Kennelly to assist in the supervision of the Dairy Cow Research Unit at U of A. She remained there for two years and then in 1999 she was successful in obtaining a place in Veterinary Science at Saskatoon and graduated in 2003. She received the Large Animal Student surgery award, the Wyeth General Proficiency Award and the Janssen Animal Health Award. Since high school she had volunteered or worked for vet clinics in Sylvan Lake, Crestomere, Leduc, Camrose and Dawson Creek. After graduation she worked full time at the Dawson Creek Veterinary Clinic. She married Dr. Mike Ross after graduation and the following year, they purchased the clinic. She & Mike have expanded and developed both the large and small animal practices and now retain four other vets and support staff. They have two sons, Declan (5) and Dain (3), they are extremely active in the community and both Zoë and Mike are accomplished team ropers and cross country skiers. Zoë's experience with sheep has enabled her to assist producers in the Peace River region and she holds seminars and generates animal health fact-sheets for sheep farmers. Zoe is also committed to youth education and the clinic regularly allows student volunteers in to observe how the clinic works. She also attends career fairs at schools in the area.*