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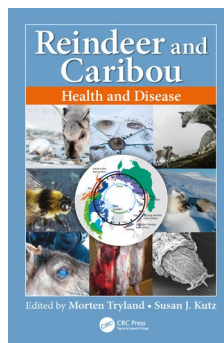
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Brett Krager
Reggie Reindeer Christmas Promotions
Mama-Riley with baby- Ellie



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Reindeer babies



Photo submitted by Hara Hansen
Kenai Reindeer Farm
photo by Megan Ward

Video links by many fellow reindeer owners of cows at calving time
WARNING- some graphic content that may not be appropriate for very young viewers of animal birthing process, a natural part of farm life,

Misfit giving birth to baby Carol – Silly Safari's
<https://youtu.be/vHycTbCMCVU>

Denise Hardys calf being born to one of her cows – Williams Reindeer Farm
<https://youtu.be/BAil67ZKUpc>

Cupid giving birth to baby Ginger – Aphthorp Farms Inc
<https://youtu.be/P4NSdbhB11Y>

“Baby Boom” KING 5 Kari & Hans Anderson Leavenworth Reindeer Farm
<https://youtu.be/BIQDK9tR0il>

Science Articles for Cows and Calves

Blood Chemistry values for reindeer calves

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/030096299290033M>

Winter & Spring synchrony of calving

<https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0195603>

Individual Characteristics in the Calls of Reindeer Calves

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Abstract

In a study of the individuality in the voice of reindeer calves, sound spectrograms of calls from 10 equal-aged calves were analysed. The following variables were selected and measured as to the degree of inter-individual overlapping: A) Duration of the call. B) Fundamental frequency. C-E) Frequency of the first, the second and the third formant. F-G) Difference in frequency between the first and the second and between the second and the third formant. H) The shape of the fundamental. I-K) The shape of the first, the second and the third formant. The variables were considered distinct to a calf if they were overlapped to less than 25 percent by the range of the same variable in another calf. No particular variable characterized the calves throughout, but in relation to any other calf, each was characterized by one or more variables. It is suggested that the call is characterized by interaction of different features, by the "Gestalt" of the call. Although individuality has been shown in the structure of the calls, it has not yet been investigated to what extent the separate individual characteristics are actually recognized as distinctive by the mothers.

Link to this article

https://brill.com/view/journals/beh/54/1-2/article-p50_3.xml

all article abstracts can also be found at <https://www.apthorpfarms.com/reindeer-research-items>

May submission requests & Thank you!

I would like to thank everyone who continues to support, contribute and submits pictures, videos, articles, personal experiences in the hopes of helping another. I have chosen to take this on for nothing more than to pay back all the help and support I personally have been shown in 9 years of raising reindeer. I will not get long winded or ramble as many of you whom already know me know of personal struggles. That being said raising reindeer has been the best part of my journey so far, the people who raise them and the individual reindeer I have met is PRICELESS, for real, not the advertising tagline.

Let us at least in some form or another hold those values close as we continue our journeys, please remain as wide eyed and full of wonderment as owners as we were owning your very first reindeer for the people who meet us everyday in our ambassador roles. Despite meeting some who we can all say, have lessened our journey, remember the others who pulled us up and encouraged versus discouraged! As this little informative magazine moves, I sincerely hope we continue growing, understand and help ALL succeed. I hope it continues to be open to new ideas or different ways of reindeer husbandry, while remaining respectful and true to everyone and all reindeer.

For the month of May, we can still focus on calves and cows, but I am always open to anything relevant, so please reach out to more to help me not inundate you with pictures, stories and information for only my website and perspective.

I will leave you with a wonderful photo Brett Krager shared with me as it speaks volumes to why I had started this endeavor. Looking forward to starting the May edition! Many thanks to all.



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