

## POST-WEANING DIARRHOEA FAECAL SCORE CARD

Post-weaning diarrhoea is most often associated with enterotoxigenic *Escherichia coli* (ETEC). These ETEC-strains possess fimbriae (= adhesion factors), which help them to attach to the enterocytes at the level of the small intestine. In the case of post-weaning diarrhoea, the most prominent fimbriae are F4 (K88) and F18<sup>1</sup>. Following attachment, the ETEC-strains produce enterotoxins (= toxic substances), that are responsible for the clinical signs of diarrhoea.

### Purpose preventive treatment:

- Reduction of the severity of diarrhoea
- Reduction of the excretion of pathogenic bacteria

### Keeping ahead of postweaning diarrhoea.

**Ask your vet about it!**

Score

0



Normal faeces

1



Pasty faeces

2



Mild diarrhoea

faecal consistence with more solid components than fluids

3



Moderate diarrhoea

faecal consistence with more fluid than solid components

4



Severe diarrhoea

fluid faecal consistence

1. Fairbrother JM *et al.* 2012. Colibacillosis, Diseases of Swine 10th Edition, Chapter 53, pp.723-749

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