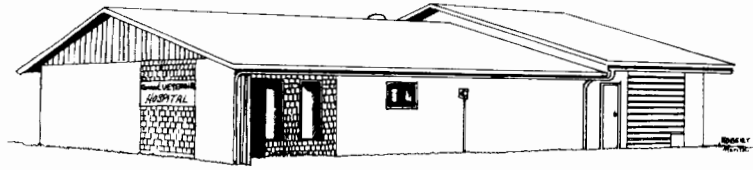


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To Whom It May Concern:

Using the eruption of the second set of permanent incisors to determine the age of cattle is at best an educated guess. According to Sisson/Grossman, the second set of permanent incisors erupts at 24 to 30 months. They also say the eruption of permanent teeth is subject to great variation. I have observed this variation in the field when examining known age cattle and bison.

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