

Managing Cow and Calf Together

Report of the DairyCare Incubator Group

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Restricted suckling

- Best way to provide nutrition for the calf
- Calf stimulates milk ejection
- Beneficial for udder health

Machine milking - separation at birth



Free or restricted suckling for a limited time period



Growing interest from consumers and farmers (in systems where calves are cared for by cows)

Foster systems



Dam rearing systems













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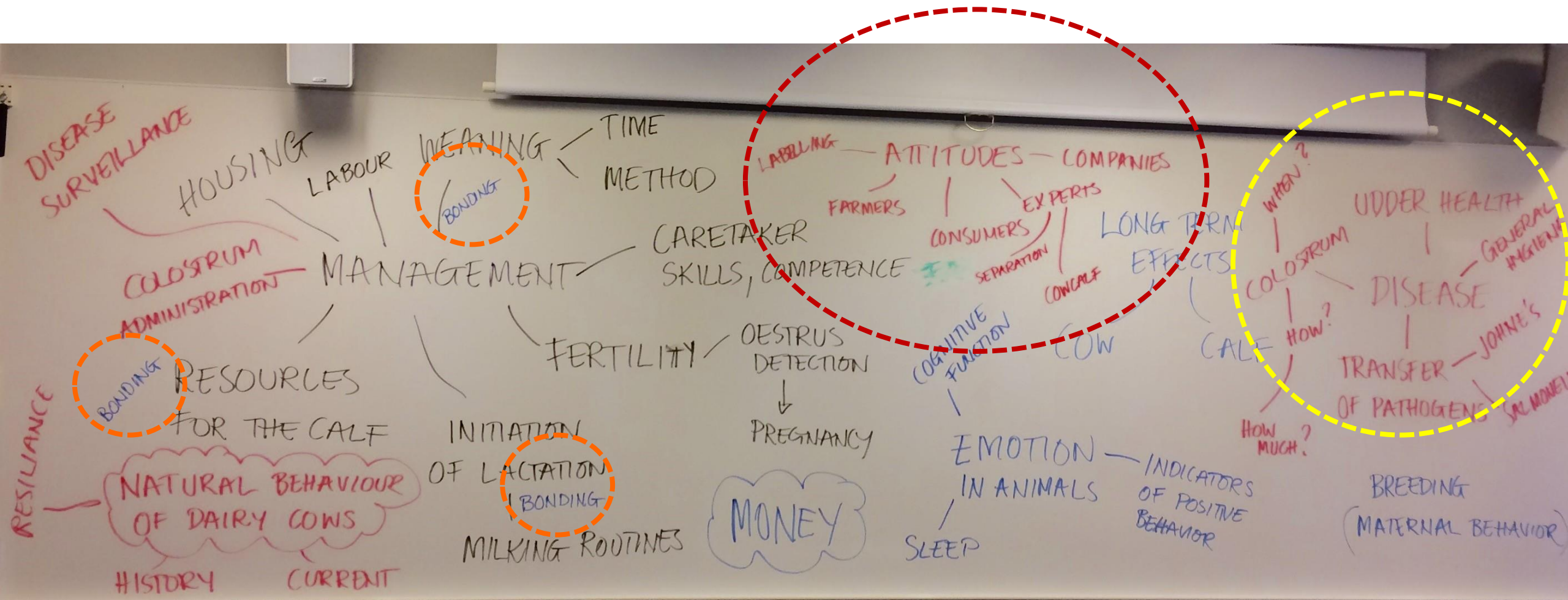
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Stockholm workshop mindmap



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- CowCalf **bonding** before introducing them to a larger group (and... is the modern dairy cow a good mother?)
- Calf-human relationship
- Nutrition of the calf (milk until rumination)
- Cross sucking
- Cow-calf separation with minimum stress (how and when)
- Farm stories
- Long term effects on performance and sustainability



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**We are determined
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