# Feeding milk to calves

# **Adult responsibilities**

# ADULTS NEED TO MAKE SURE:

- Ventilation system is working before the child enters a closed building
- Work area has no hazards
- A barrier stands between the animal and the child
- Hot water heater is set lower than 120 degrees Fahrenheit or 50 degrees Celsius

# **Can your child do this job?**

# ABILITY

Is the child comfortable around calves?

## □ Yes.

□ No. STOP! Children who are uncomfortable around animals are more likely to be injured.

Does the container of milk the child will lift weigh less than 10-15% of the child's body weight?

□ Yes.



## Does the child have to carry the filled container less than 10-15 yards?

 $\Box$  Yes.

□ No. **1** CAUTION! An adult should carry the filled containers to the feeding site.

#### Does the child have at least a 15-20 minute attention span? For example, can the child play a board game for 20 minutes?

 $\Box$  Yes.



□ No. STOP! Children working beyond their attention span are easily distracted and more likely to be injured.

## Does the child have good eye-hand coordination?

a. Can he or she catch a basketball? b. Can he or she pour milk into a cereal bowl?



## Can the child understand and repeat from memory a 5-step procedure?

 $\Box$  Yes.



CAUTION! Children who can't remember the steps to a job should be watched constantly.

# TRAINING

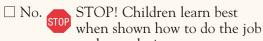
## Has the child been trained on lifting techniques?

 $\Box$  Yes.

□ No. STOP! Lifting incorrectly can cause back injury.

Has an adult demonstrated feeding milk to calves on site?

# $\Box$ Yes.



# Remember



Non-skid shoes



Good handwashing

Main

Hazards



Slippery/uneven surface

can lead to slips,

trips and falls

Weight of milk can strain muscles



□ No. **1** CAUTION! An adult should fill the bottles and put them in the holders.

# Supervision

What's the right amount? Here are suggestionsbut remember, it depends on the child.

Age 10-11: WATCH constantly at first. When the child shows he or she can do the job, **CHECK** every few minutes.

# Age 12-13: **CHECK** every few minutes at first. When the child shows

he or she can do the job, **LEAVE** for 15 to 30 minutes.

#### at the work site.

Has the child shown he or she can do the job safely 4 to 5 times under close supervision?

 $\Box$  Yes.

CAUTION! An adult must watch constantly until the 🗆 No. 🦯 child shows he or she can do the job.

# SUPERVISION

Can an adult supervise as recommended?

## $\Box$ Yes.



□ No. STOP! The right level of supervision is key to preventing injuries.