

# The Painful Husbandry Procedures Code of Welfare: A Guide

NB. This document does not replace the full Code of Welfare, available from MAF.

**JUSTIFY**



Why are we doing this?

**BEST PRACTICE**

Minimise pain



Use anaesthetic

**TAIL SHORTENING**

Last 2-3 vertebrae using a ring



OK TRIM IS BEST

**DEHORNING**



OK but disbudding preferred

9 months and up use anaesthetic



**STOCKMANSHIP AND EQUIPMENT**



Skills  
Knowledge  
Experience



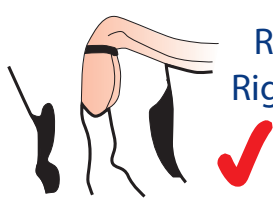
Good working order  
Hygienic  
Clean

**MINIMISE HARM**




No painful procedures before 12 hours old - if survival at risk

**CASTRATION**



Right place  
Right size ring

6 months and up use anaesthetic



**PENALTIES**

\$25,000 fine  
and/or 6 months  
in prison



## For further information

- DairyNZ information pack (sent with this poster)
- Your veterinarian
- Federated Farmers members ring 0800 FARMING (0800 327 646).

Codes of Welfare are available from MAF, PO Box 2526, Wellington Ph: 04 894 0560 or visit [www.biosecurity.govt.nz](http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz)

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