ork to be completed before your PAACO training:
Read PAACO Example Dairy Audit
Watch Merck Dairy Care 365 videos and save pdfs of certificates:
 Dairy Stockmanship – Introduction to Dairy Stockmanship Handling Down Cows Low Stress Handling of Dairy Calves and Heifers Newborn Care and Handling
Read AVMA guidelines as they pertain to cattle euthanasia
Read AABP guidelines for VCPR, non-ambulatory cattle, euthanasia, and fitness for ransportation
Complete 8 PAACO repeatability tests and record kappa scores:
 Body Condition Score: Injured Tails: Hygiene: Locomotion: Carpus (knee) Injuries: Tarsus (hock) Injuries: Other Injuries: Lying Surface:
Part 1: Example Scenarios for Sample Calculation Homework Part 2: Documentation and Protocols for Farm 1 (Happy Willow) Homework

Please send this sheet with your kappa scores and certificates to PAACO (Dakota Thomas, dthomas@animalauditor.org)

Homework Packet

Part 1: Example Scenarios for Sample Calculation

This homework packet is designed to help you practice sample size calculations which you will need to do when auditing on-farm. Please bring your answers to the PAACO training session and be prepared to discuss.

Sample Size Calculations

Instructions: Given the herd breakdown for the following farms, describe the ideal and minimum sample sizes you would take for each age group you would be required following the PAACO Example Dairy Audit.

Example and Solution

Sweet Clover Farm has 65 lactating cows in tie stalls. There are 5 close-up dry cows kept in tie stalls and 10 far-off dry cows on pasture in a single group. They manage 60 heifers total and split them into 4 pens (8, 8, 12, 12 heifers, respectively) and one pasture (20 heifers). 18 calves are being raised in 2 group pens: 10 heifers are in one pen, and 8 bulls are in the other pen.

Notes: Solution

Type	Number	Pen	Ideal	Minimum	Special Considerations?
Lactating	65	Individual tie stalls	65	57	57 comes from the sample size calculator
Dry	15	Far-off on pasture, close-up in tie stalls	15	15	
Heifers	60	4 group pens and 1 pasture	60	60	As each pen is less than 30 individuals, according to the sample size calculator, all need to be scored; for less than 100 heifers, age is not a consideration for sampling
Calves	18	2 group pens separated by sex	18	18	Milk fed calves are scored regardless of sex, each group would be <30 so all 18 should be scored

Problem 1

Green Grass Dairy has 700 animals total. They milk 400 cows, and keep them in 4 equal pens, grouped by production. They currently have 40 far-off dry cows together on pasture, and 10 close-up dry cows due in the next week that are kept in a bedded pack close to the office. They manage 150 heifers that are grouped by age. The youngest group of 50 was recently weaned off milk, the middle group of 50 is their breeding group, and the oldest is a bred group, including their springers*, of 50 that they keep on pasture near their far-off dry cows. They are raising 100 calves in individual hutches that get fed at 6am and 6pm every day.

Туре	Number	Pen	Ideal	Minimum	Special Considerations?
Lactating	400	4 equal pens, grouped by production			
Dry	50	1 far-off (40), 1 close-up (10)			
Heifers	150	3 equal pens, grouped by age			
Calves	100	Individual hutches			

Problem 2

Corn Silk Dairy has 140 animals total. They are raising 22 calves in a group pen with an automatic calf feeder and 38 heifers in 3 pens grouped by age (the 4-9 month pen has 18 heifers, the 10-15 month pen has 12 heifers and the 16-22 month bred heifer pen has 8). They currently milk 68 cows in a herringbone parlor. All lactating cows are kept in one bedded pack pen. Sick cows, when there are any, are separated by a portable gates in the bedded pack area. The 12 dry cows and pre-fresh heifers are kept in a separate barn split into a far-off and close-up pen. The day you visit, they expect to have 2 in the close-up half and 10 in the far-off half.

Туре	Number	Pen	Ideal	Minimum	Special Considerations?
Lactating	68	1 bedded pack			
Dry	12	1 far off (10), 1 close up (2)			
Heifers	38	3 pens, grouped by age			
Calves	22	Group pen			

Part 2: Documentation and Protocols for Farm 1 (Happy Willow)

This material is designed to help you practice evaluating documentation and protocols (SOPs), which you will need when auditing farms using dairy welfare audits. The training will cover material for 2 sample farms (Farm 1 & 2). This homework packet covers Farm 1 and the materials needed for Farm 2 (Happy Willow Dairy) will be provided within the training itself.

Homework: Evaluate the 12 provided Documentation and Protocols from Happy Willow Dairy (Farm 1). Determine if they acceptable or not based on the PAACO Example Dairy Audit before your PAACO training session begins. Explain why or why not. Please bring your answers to the PAACO training session and be prepared to discuss as part of the first farm we review. We have provided a blank SOP checklist for use in this exercise.

- 1) VCPR
- 2) Calving Protocol
- 3) Colostrum Protocol
- 4) Disbudding Protocol
- 5) Down Cow Protocol
- 6) Employee Animal Welfare Form
- 7) Euthanasia Protocol
- 8) Fitness for Transport
- 9) Management Animal Welfare Protocol
- 10) Newborn Calf Protocol
- 11) Sold & Dead Cow Protocol
- 12) Farm Map and SCC information

You have also been provided information about **Happy Willow's** (Farm 1)'s schedule at the end of the document. This will be explained and used during training itself.

Udder Doctor LLC

Veterinarian Client Patient Relationship (VCPR) Agreement

"Veterinarian-client-patient relationship" means a relationship between a veterinarian and client that meets the following conditions:

- (1) The veterinarian has assumed the responsibility for making clinical judgments regarding the health of the animal(s) and the need for medical treatment, and the client has agreed to follow the veterinarian's instructions.
- (2) The veterinarian has sufficient knowledge of the animal(s) to initiate a diagnosis of the medical condition of the animal(s). The veterinarian has recently seen and is personally acquainted with the keeping and care of the animal(s) by either of the following:
 - **(A)** An examination of the animal(s).
 - **(B)** By recently seeing and being personally acquainted with the keeping and care of representative animal(s) and associated husbandry practices by making medically appropriate and timely visits to the premises where the animal(s) are kept.
- (3) The veterinarian is readily available or has arranged for emergency coverage for follow-up evaluation if there is an adverse reaction or failure of the treatment regimen.
- **(4)** When appropriate, the veterinarian has arranged for continuing care with another licensed veterinarian who has access to the animal's medical record.

Client Information:

Client: Blair Davis

Mailing Address: 1 Udder Lane City: Somewhere State: California Zip: 95616

Farm Name: Happy Willow Farm

Farm Address (if different from above): Same as above

Primary Phone: 123-234-3456 Fax: None Email: udderlane.2@cows.com

Veterinarian Information

Udder Doctor LLC Veterinarian: Winston Walker
Mailing Address: 16410 County Home Rd. City: Marysville State: Calif
Primary Phone: 916-456-9876 Email: udderdr.llc@paaco.com

Before signing this agreement the following must be completed:

☐ Develop and commit to maintaining a Treatment Record System (wri	itten or computer based)
I hereby certify that a valid VCPR is established for the above listed far canceled by either party, or 1 year from the signature date below.	m and veterinarian and will remain in force unti
Client Signature:	Date: 11-23-2021

☐ Document an Approved Drug List, noting condition to be treated, proper dose, route and withdrawal times

Veterinarian Signature: _____ Date: 11-23-2021

Calving Protocol

There should always be a trained maternity staff member on duty. If you are not a trained maternity staff member or you have questions or concerns, contact Herdsman or manager immediately for assistance.

- Cows and heifers should be moved to maternity pen when they are close to calving.
- The calving process should progress smoothly. First calving's are usually a slower process.
- Monitor progress that is being made and ensure that the calf presentation is correct.
- If assistance to the dam is needed, see additional calving procedures on next page. Steps can also be found hanging in maternity barn. If you are unsure of your ability to adequately assist the dam, contact a Herdsman or Manager.

If cow requires assistance with calving:

- Fill bucket with water and a small amount of disinfectant. 2 3 ounces of disinfectant per gallon of water is sufficient for disinfecting. Place calving instruments in the bucket to sanitize.
- Use of proper placement of chains/straps on legs is necessary to ensure calf and human safety.

After delivery:

- When calf has been delivered, ensure that it is breathing. Rub the calf briskly and remove any remaining amniotic material from its facial area.
- Dip the newborn navel with 7% iodine immediately after birth.
- Allow the cow to rest before attempting to move her to fresh string. If all goes well the cow should be standing and cleaning her newborn calf within a few minutes after calving.
- If dam is recumbent and unable to rise, call for assistance from Herdsman.
- Record all birthing information in the calving notebook. This information is to include the following: date/time of birth, dam ID, Sex of calf, Calf ID(females).

Calving Procedures

Allow cow to naturally deliver calf in bedded maternity area

Assist cow when:

- Labor exceeds 2-3 hours (cows)
- Labor exceeds 3-4 hours (heifers)
- Abnormal fetal position
- Water bag has been showing for more than 1 hour
- Water bad has been broken for more than ½ hour before

If cow is determined to need assistance:

- Restrain cow in chute
- Tie tail with tail rope (if available)
- Clean vulva with iodine scrub disinfectant
- Wash hands, arms and all equipment (chains and calf puller)
- Put on plastic gloves
- Determine and correct fetal position
- Lubricate around fetus with J-Lube
- Attached chains to feet
- Attach calf puller to chain (if needed)
- Intermittently apply tension when animal pushes
- Always check for twins

Call herd manager or veterinarian for assistance when:

- Fetal position cannot be corrected
- Delivery is not completed within 30 minutes of attaching calf puller
- Large calf or small pelvis that will require fetotomy or C-section

When delivery is complete wash all blood off of cow.

Process fresh cow and calf following Fresh Cow Management Procedure.

Clean all equipment and return to proper storage place.

Colostrum Management

Providing high quality colostrum is imperative to a calf's overall health and survival rate. One way we can strive to provide our new born calves with superior colostrum is to follow the below steps for colostrum management.

- Colostrum is harvested from healthy cows after birth
- Colostrum is tested for Brix value. Only colostrum testing 22+ is kept for use
- It is pasteurized as soon as possible after harvesting and then frozen
- When a calf is born, colostrum is removed from the freezer and thawed
- Calves are given 1 Gallon of thawed/pasteurized colostrum as soon as possible after birth

Disbudding Protocol

Removing horns from dairy cattle is an important farm safety practice, preventing injuries to employees and cattle.

Disbudding/Dehorning should occur at, or prior to, six weeks of age. By utilizing a hot iron, risk of incomplete disbudding is

- 1. Make sure iron is hot and ready to use before restraining animal.
- 2. Administer Flunixin to animal based on bottle dosage

reduced and the elements will not hinder the procedure.

- 3. Assure proper restraint while dehorning for cattle and worker safety.
- 4. Clip or shave hair around base of horn bud. This is done for better visualization of the horn bud.
- 5. With iron apply pressure around the horn base, rotate back and forth until copper- colored ring forms. (~5-20 seconds).
 - a. There is little chance of regrowth when the cauterized skin is loose or movable following the procedure.
- 6. The horn bud or button will slough in 4-6 weeks.

Down Cow Protocol

Our goal is to prevent down cows by the use of appropriate management and medical efforts including following our treatment standard operating procedures. Despite our best efforts, we still experience an occasional cow that is unable to become ambulatory (move) on her own.

What to do if you have a down cow:

- Immediately notify the Herdsman or trained Hospital Personnel
- Trained staff must evaluate for the following:
 - Determine the cause and severity of the cow's condition
 - o Allow trained staff to administer treatment based on observation of her issue
 - o If the cause for her being down is obviously not metabolic i.e. due to injury then contact trained staff to evaluate her for euthanasia within **4 hours**.
- If deemed treatable, move the cow by approved method to the designated down cow location.
 - o If the cow is non-ambulatory then maneuver her into the tractor bucket. Be sure no part of the cow is touching the floor before lifting bucket and moving.
 - O HIP CLAMPS ARE ONLY TO BE USED TO ELEVATE COW TO STANDING POSITION AND SHOULD NEVER BE USED TO ASSIST WITH WALKING
 - If cow can move, but slowly, allow her ample time to walk to special needs pen. DO NOT rush or push her.
- Once moved to special needs pen:
 - Make sure the cow has continuous access to fresh feed and fresh water
 - o If necessary, roll her every few hours to shift the burden on her hind legs
 - Trained staff will continue to monitor her improvement. If at any time the cow is deemed to be unlikely to recover, she should be euthanized by appropriate personnel.
 This decision should be made in the first 24-48 hours of recumbency.

Down cows must be euthanized before being transported for disposal.

Employee Animal Welfare & Handling Form

Purpose: To ensure that employees understand that the owners and management of place paramount importance on the moral and ethical treatment and well-being of all of our animals.

Employees:

- Animal abuse, neglect, harm and mishandling are unacceptable and will not be tolerated.
- Proper animal care is the responsibility of every individual who is around animals.
- Employees or Individuals working with or around our animals have an obligation to immediately report
 ANY signs of deliberate animal abuse, neglect, harm or mishandling to a supervisor or other individual responsible for enforcement of proper animal care.
- Any of these behaviors or failure to report these behaviors may result in discipline up to and including termination as well as legal prosecution.

Employees Responsibilities for Safe Animal Handling

Along with our dedication to animal welfare we also have an obligation to employee safety in regards to animal handling and husbandry. The following are guidelines that encourage a healthy animal/employee relationship.

- Be Patient, gently talk to the cattle to warn them of your presence. Cattle have nearly 360° vision, make sure you don't spook them. Loud noises and voices are dangerous to both you and the cattle.
- Move Slowly and Deliberately around the cattle. Gently touch the cattle as opposed to shoving or bumping them.
- **ALWAYS** have an escape route when working with cattle.
- Bulls can be dangerous! Practice EXTREME CAUTION when they are present. NEVER trust them.
- Cattle can be very protective of newborns, exercise caution when interacting with fresh cows/heifers.

Employee Name	Date	
		
Supervisor	Date	

Euthanasia Protocol

All animals, including calves, heifers and cows, that are in extreme distress and their condition is deemed to be irreversible must be euthanized in a timely manner that minimizes discomfort and suffering. Euthanasia will be performed in a way that minimizes fear and anxiety in the animal. Animals considered for euthanasia will be monitored no less than two times per day.

If you believe an animal needs to be euthanized, proceed with the following steps:

- Contact the appropriately trained personnel AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Only the following individuals should conduct euthanizing animals onsite.
- Animals can be euthanized by one of the following methods:
 - Use of captive bolt device
 - o Gunshot with an appropriate firearm and solid point bullet
- The individual performing this task must be trained and take precautions to prevent serious injury to themselves and others.
 - These methods are to be carried out by, or under the supervision of, somebody who
 has been fully trained in the use of the devices AND the proper anatomical placement
 of the captive bolt or bullet.
- Confirmation of death will be confirmed by checking the following:
 - Lack of reflexes by touching eye
 - Lack of heartbeat
 - Lack of respiration

Fitness for Travel Statement

We use the following guidelines for transporting cattle to slaughter. The guidelines are as follows:

- That all cows being considered for transportation should walk easily on their own with a locomotion score of 3 or less (see ZinPro Locomotion Scoring Packet)
- Have been checked for drug residue potential or disease conditions
- They should also have a body condition score of 2.0 or more for dairy (on a 5-point scale)
- In general, we should screen out anything that would cause them to not pass pre-slaughter inspection
 - Included in this list of conditions that we would screen for are: severe lameness, actively calving or prolapsing, open wounds or recent surgical procedures.

^{*}If animals do not meet the above requirements, they should be moved back to the hospital pen for reevaluation.

Management Animal Welfare & Handling Protocol

Purpose: The following should act as guidelines for management when handling a reported case of animal abuse or deviation from Standard Operating Procedures.

Reported Animal Abuse:

- Animal abuse, neglect, harm and mishandling are unacceptable and will not be tolerated.
- Ensure employees understand that they will not be penalized for raising concerns.
- Immediately contact our current HR representative to document reported abuse.
- Immediately remove reported employee from having contact with animals until you receive further instruction from HR representative.

Deviation from Standard Operating Procedures (including animal abuse):

- Ensure employees understand that they will not be penalized for raising concerns.
- Immediately contact our current HR representative to document reported incident.
- Conduct a mandatory training meeting for all employees to revisit the Standard Operating Procedures that were deviated from.

Supervisor Name		Date
HR Representative	Date	

Newborn Calf/Fresh Cow Protocol

Calf care after birth:

- Ensure that it is breathing and appears stable
- Rub the calf briskly
- Remove any remaining amniotic material from its facial area
- Dip the navel with 7% iodine immediately after birth
- Ear Tag all calves that are to be retained with PURPLE tag
- Within 2 hrs of birth ALL CALVES are to be fed 1 GALLON of pasteurized colostrum
 - Check colostrum quality using the colostrometer or comparable device.
 - If calf is onsite for more than 8 hours provide another ½ 1 gallon of colostrum based on calf size
 - Use esophageal feeding tube
- Calves have fresh water provided in calf pen
- Place calves with ease in the wheelbarrow to move to the group calf pen
- Note any calves that are sick, deformed, or injured should NOT be moved into group calf pen
 - o If you have a calf with any of the above issues, contact the Herdsman to conduct an evaluation of the calf.
 - If calf is deemed terminally sick, severely injured and untreatable he/she is to be euthanized within 4 hours of birth

Cow care after birth:

- Ensure that the cow has access to appropriate feed and water
- Allow the cow to rest before attempting to move her
 - o The cow should be standing within a few minutes after calving
 - Remove dam from calf within ½ hour of birth to prevent nursing and adult manure contamination of the calf
 - If dam is recumbent and unable to rise, call for assistance from Herdsman or Manager

Record the following calving information on the Fresh Sheet:

- Dam ID & Date
- Sex of Calf
- Calf ID (Females)

Any Questions should be directed to the Herdsman

Sold & Dead Cow Protocol

Sold Cows:

- Animals will be identified by approved staff for culling and checked by trained staff for the following:
 - Animal can walk with ease
 - Animals will be checked for any withholding residues by Manager (in DC305)
 - Not blinded in both eyes
 - Not exhibiting signs of severe pain

Cows that are non-ambulatory are NOT to be sold

- Animals are to be moved to designated pick up area
 - Ensure there is always fresh feed and water provided to animals being held for more than 2 hours

Dead Cows:

Dead animals are to be identified by ear tag number. Manager will record ear tag number with date of death and cause of death in DC305.

Cow must be moved to designated tallow pick up location.

Example Audit Prep Sheet FARM #1 - Happy Willow

A. Farm Information: Please also provide a map of the FARM

Farm:	Happy Willow Dairy		Farm Owner:	Blair Davis		
			Farm Manager:			
Address:	1 Udder Lane					
City:	Somewhere		State:	CA	Zip:	95616
Phone:	123-234-3456		Email:	udderlane	.2@cov	vs.com
Name of Milk Co-C	Op Member Group:	Dairy Fa	armers of Calif			
Veterinarian of Record (VOR) :	Winston Walker		VOR Phone:	916-456-9	876	
	16410 County Home Rd		VOR email:	udderdr.llc@paaco.com		co.com

# of Lactating Cows: 1911	Milking Parlor Type: Double 30 parallel						
Lactating Cow Housing Type:	Freestall with lots	#	of Lact. Cow Pens:	10			
Are there specific pens that are locked every day? Hosp 9 – 10:30; Pen 10				9-10:30; Pen 1,2,3,6,8,9 after			
If yes which ones at what time	?	m	milking for 30 minutes				
Which Pen # represents the OLI	s?						
What time is that pen milked?	does milking start?)						
What pen and what time is the milked?	d-high cow pen						
How long does it take to milk th	ws if <100 cows?						
Are there bulls in any pens? YE	ere bulls in any pens? YES If yes which pens? Pen 5 and heifer pens						

* Alternatively, the farm can provide a printout of: Pen count/DIM/Lact# (if grouped by parity) and a list of milking times

# of Heifers (on and o	ff the farm): 17		# of Dry Cows: 22	6 ose up Pen 15		
Heifer Housing Type:	Dry lot and free stalls	# of Heifer Pens	5:	23	Dry Housing Type:	Bedded pack
# Recently Weaned Heifers on site	30	# of Springers on Site		223	# of Dry Cow Pens:	2
Are any cattle raised of	off site? YES	/ NO Mile	es awa	y?		

# of Calves on milk:	274		Age at weaning?		10-12 weeks	Calves R	aised off site?	YES / <mark>NO</mark>
Milk Fed Calf Housing	Гуре:	Rais	ed pens	What time are calve		fed?	6:30 and 3:30 P	М

Is it OK to Take Pictures? Yes ⊠ No □

Farm Quality and Herd Health Summary Information needed for the audit						
Record Type Written ⊠	Com	puter		\boxtimes	Herd Computer Program type: PCDART	
List of employees/farm hands?		Please provide a copy				
# of Family Employees: 3			# Non-f	family er	mployees: 8	
Written Protocols available? Yes			Please	provide	a copy of any written protocols	
Herd Health Records: %			Please Circle if answer is based on records or an estimate			
Lactating Cow Mortality rate: 4.2		Estir	Estimate / computer records			
% Cows culled within 60 DIM 8			Estimate / computer records			
% Cows culled annually 35%			Estimate / computer records			
% of COW mortalities euthanize	d	25	Estimate / computer records			
Calf Mortality rate (not including	g DOAs)	As) 5		Estimate / computer records		
% of CALF mortalities euthanized	t	0	Estimate / computer records			

Happy Willow Milk Quality – Mean SCC for month							
Current MonthMonth -1Month -2Month -3Month -4Month -5							
180	215	175	210	215	186		
Month -6	Month -7	Month -8	Month -9	Month -10	Month -11		
260	210	160	150	165	140		



Lactating Pens: 1-10	Pen 10 (115) = Fresh (+lame)	8:45	Pen 5 (144) = Low Pen	7:45
	Pen 1 (201) = 4 th + Lact	4:45	Pen 6 (239) = Heifers (1 st Lact)	11:40
	Pen 2 (240) = Heifers (1 st lact)	12:45	Pen 7 (188) = Preg + DNB	5:45
	Pen 3 (199) = 3 rd Lact	2:45	Pen 8 (192) = 2nd Lact	3:45
	Pen 4 (201) = DNB	6:45 (6:15)	Pen 9 (192) = 2 nd Lact	1:45
		Hosp: Last 9-10:30 (locked 8:45-10:30)		

Happy Willow's Somatic Cell Count Calculation

Below is the SCC data that you were provided upon visiting Happy Willow's operation. Determine if what the average SCC for the previous 12 months is and if it is acceptable (< 400,000) or not. Numbers provided in the table are in thousands.

Happy Willow Milk Quality – Mean SCC for month							
Current Month	Month -1	Month -2	Month -3	Month -4	Month -5		
180	215	175	210	215	186		
Month -6	Month -7	Month -8	Month -9	Month -10	Month -11		
260	210	160	150	165	140		

Answer:	
Last 12-month average:	
Acceptable or not?:	

Helpful Hint: when trying to figure out your plan, it may be helpful to write out the milking schedule in the order that pens are milked. Below is Happy Willow's milking schedule by time rather than pen.

Pen 6 (239) = Heifers (1st Lact)	11:40	Pen 1 (201) = 4 th + Lact	4:45	
Pen 2 (240) = Heifers (1 st lact)	12:45	Pen 7 (188) = Preg + DNB	5:45	
Pen 9 (192) = 2 nd Lact	1:45	Pen 4 (201) = DNB	6:45	
Pen 3 (199) = 3 rd Lact	2:45	Pen 5 (144) = Low Pen	7:45	
Pen 8 (192) = 2nd Lact 3:45		Pen 10 (115) = Fresh (+lame) 8:45		
	Hosp: Last 9-10:30 (locked 8:45-10:30)			

Professional auditors should always take care to familiarize themselves with the customer's specific audit requirements. Some audits specify elements required in a document to consider it adequate.

The example provided herein highlights such requirements in BLUE text.

If not provided, it is helpful to create a paperwork checklist to ensure that the review of documentation and SOPs is accurate and efficient.

Example Documentation and SOP Requirement Checklist

All paperwork must be reviewed by the VOR *elements highlighted by an asterisk may be referenced within a separate SOP. ‡ If a farm does not vaccinate, do painful procedures, flame udders or need parasite prevention mark the item N/A.

Forms/SOP	Required Element	Adeq.	Acc.	Comment
Cow Care	Defines and states that abuse and neglect are not tolerated			
Agreement	Employees must report problems			
	ID			
	Drug			
	Indication*			
Health	Route*			
Records	Dose*			
	With-hold*			
	Date			
	Person			
VCPR Form	Signed within last 12 months			
	Stockmanship			
	Down Cows - Every caregiver trained to appropriate level			
	Euthanasia - Every caregiver trained to appropriate level			
Caregiver	Calf Handling			
Training#	Cow Care Agreement signed – all caregivers			
	Cow Care Agreement signed – service providers			
	Trained prior to working independently			
	Annual refresh and refresh as needed if not compliant			
511 111 6	Age (<8 weeks)			
Disbudding &	Method (Paste or hot iron/cautery)			
Other Painful Procedures#	Pain Mitigation: Local			
riocedules	Pain Mitigation: NSAID or Aspirin			
	*Emergency Contact – may refer to other SOP			
	Monitoring Schedule			
	Colostrum – by 6 hrs			
Maternity	Forage by day 1			
Pen/Calf	Starter by day 3			
Care	Calves must be dry, fed and able to stand on all 4 prior to transport			
	Calves moved by lifting, walking or crate/wheeled, no dragging, tails or ears			
Fitness for	Specify Conditions Not Fit: cancer eye, fever, down, severe lame, prolapse, calving, udder cond., wounds/bleeding, neuro, emaciated			_
Transport	Special Considerations – Newborn calves must be dry, fed & able to stand on all 4, transport vehicle must be bedded			
	Check records for residue			

Forms/SOP	Required Element	Adeq.	Acc.	Comment
	Acceptable method – sled, stone boat, loader			
	No strike/hit/kick/beat			
Non-	No dragging the cow (sled or mat ok)			
Ambulatory Cows	Move ambulatory cows out/Down cows are isolated			
Cows	Provide prompt care/Euthanize if catastrophic or moribund			
	Care – feed, water (hydrated), bedding, shade, treatment			
	Method – gun, captive bolt or barbiturate OD by DVM (primary and secondary if different) including 2 nd shot			
Humane Euthanasia	No poll shots			
	Confirmation of death – if not unconscious/signs of life repeat			
	Method of carcass disposal			

Notes: