

Disbudding Protocol

Work with your veterinarian to develop a protocol that is appropriate and consistent with AABP guidelines for calves of different ages on your farm.

Review the plan with your veterinarian and the employees responsible for the procedures annually.

Objective: To disrupt the growth of horns using proper, humane handling while causing the least amount of stress and discomfort.

Principles: Calves will dehorned at an early age and be given medication &/or treatments to minimize the pain associated with the procedure regardless of the procedure used and age of the calf.

**The use of anti-inflammatories for pain mitigation associated with dehorning is considered extra label drug use. However, it is acceptable when done within the context of a VCPR with the veterinarian of record.*

FARM:				
<u>Age of Cattle</u>	<u>Method</u>	<u>Pain Mitigation(s) Used*</u>	Responsible Person(s)	Required Equipment
< 7days Goal: <48 hours	Disbudding with PASTE	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Anti-Inflammatory</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Local Anesthetic</u>		
<8 weeks	Disbudding with Hot Iron or cautery	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Local Anesthetic</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Anti-Inflammatory</u>		
>8 weeks should not be standard practice	Dehorning	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Local Anesthetic</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Anti-Inflammatory</u>		

Disbudding:

a) Restraint -

b) Procedure -

Dehorning:

a) Restraint -

b) Procedure -

Veterinarian of Record Signature: _____ **Date:** _____