

Humane slaughter farm policy

Rules for humane slaughter on this farm / support block (circle one)

Farm name: _____

Date: _____ Prepared by: _____

The following people have been trained and are responsible for humane slaughter:

Name: _____	Name: _____	Name: _____
Contact: _____	Contact: _____	Contact: _____

- When the decision has been made to euthanise/put down any animal on this farm, it should be carried out as soon as possible.
- Slaughter of animals must be performed safely and, where possible, out of sight of the general public.
- The use of blunt force trauma is strictly prohibited. It can only be used as a last resort in emergency situations.
- The animal to be slaughtered must be handled calmly, quietly and with respect. It must not be subjected to unnecessary distress, fear or pain.
- After the animal has been shot or stunned, unconsciousness must be confirmed immediately and death confirmed 3-5 minutes later.
- If there is any doubt as to whether an animal has died, it must be immediately reshot, pithed or bled out using a sharp knife. The animal must be unconscious before a secondary method is used.

Class of stock	Slaughter method	Secondary method
Calves	Captive bolt / firearm / chemical (vet)	Pith / bleed out / second shot
Heifers and steers	Captive bolt / firearm / chemical (vet)	Pith / bleed out / second shot
Mature cows	Captive bolt / firearm / chemical (vet)	Pith / bleed out / second shot
Bulls	Captive bolt / firearm / chemical (vet)	Pith / bleed out / second shot

Important telephone numbers

1. Vet clinic _____ After hours/emergency: _____
2. Slaughterman _____ Phone: _____
3. Deadstock removal (calves) _____ Phone: _____
4. Deadstock removal (cows) _____ Phone: _____

This policy will be reviewed on (date): _____

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