CASTRATION AND SCROTUM SHORTENING

Pain relief MUST be used if animals are over six months old.

**CASTRATION**
- Use correct size of rubber ring
- Ring ABOVE testes and below teats
- If using high tension band then anaesthetic must be used (any age)

**SCROTUM SHORTENING (CRYPTORCHID)**
- Ring below testes
- Testes pushed up into cavity or held against abdomen

**MINIMUM STANDARDS**
No painful procedures to be performed on animals under 12 hours old

RECOMMENDED BEST PRACTICE

Always use pain relief for any age

Work Hygienically

Seek veterinary advice on best methods

GENERAL INFORMATION

Use rubber rings and avoid surgery

Treat animals when a few weeks old

DOCKING

When docking animals over six months pain relief MUST be used

Must ONLY be undertaken if necessary

RECOMMENDED BEST PRACTICE

Dock lambs within six weeks of birth

If in doubt, seek veterinary advice on best methods

Leave tails long enough to cover vulva in females and a similar length in males

Use pain relief

GENERAL INFORMATION

Use conventional rubber rings or searing irons instead of cutting techniques or high tension bands (using a bander)