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

Seek veterinary advice on best methods

DOCKING

Tail docking over six months old will be a vet only procedure

Docking must ONLY be undertaken if necessary

Rubber rings and searing irons will be the only methods permitted

The tail MUST be no shorter than the distal end of the caudal fold

Recommended best practice

- Always use pain relief for any age
- Work hygienically
- Seek veterinary advice on best methods
- Use rubber rings and avoid surgery
- Treat animals when a few weeks old

From May 2021 these are the new minimum standards

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