**RECOVERY**

Ruminants seldom attempt to stand up and remain in sternal recumbency until able to stand.

* Position in sternal recumbency with a pad placed under the mandible with the mouth end below the level of the larynx to drain saliva/regurgitants and prevent aspiration.

*Figure 1 Sternal recumbency with the head lowered during recovery*

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* Regurgitation in ruminants is always a possibility and therefore the ET tube cuff must remain in place as inflated.

*Figure 2 A llama in sternal recumbency during recovery*

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* If animal does not show sign of getting light for longer than 20 minutes, reversal can be considered. Tolazoline 0.2 – 1.0 mg/kg can be given titrated to effect IV.
* Extubation can be attempted with return of strong swallowing reflex and muscle tone.
* Close observation should be continued to avoid the animal returning to sleep and potential danger of developing aspiration until the animal is on its feet.