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| **INTRA-OPERATIVE TECHNIQUES****FOR DISBUDDING** |
| **DISBUDDING:**disbud.jpgdehorning ca.jpg This is the process by which the horn-producing cells (corium) of the horn bud or the complete horn bud is removed. Disbudding is carried out in calves less than 2 months of age and in goats and sheep in the first less 2 weeks after birth but can be done within the 1st week after birth.D pic.jpg |
| **TYPE OF** **DISBUDDING** | **EQUIPMENTS USED** | **REASON FOR PROCEDURE** | **TECHNIQUES CARRIED OUT**  | **COMPLICATIONS** |
| Chemical Disbudding(**CAUSTIC PASTE**)disbudding-with-caustic-paste-300x204.png | Caustic pasteGloves Clipper MarkerPetroleum JellyWooden tongue depressor | It is bloodless, easy, non-invasive, effective, less stressful and traumatic than surgical or mechanical methods. Less risk of injury to the calf handler. | * Locate the horn buds
* Clip the hair from around the buds
* Use the marker to outline the area for application of the paste
* Apply petroleum on the skin at the base of the horn to prevent irritation to skin
* Ensure that gloves are being worn
* Use tongue depressor to apply paste
 | Caustic paste (sodium hydroxide, calcium hydroxide) applied to the horn bud can damage surrounding skin and/or the eyes if runoff occurs. Leading to irritation and damage (burning) as well as blindness of the animal.Welfare concerns |