**Procedure for Dehorning by Use of Gigli Wire.**

1. Clip the hair in the area surrounding the horns
2. Incise the skin in a ring about 1cm from the base of the horn.\*\* (this is done to prevent the wire from slipping out of position while beginning the process of cutting the horn)
3. Remove each horn with embryotomy wire, by pulling the wire in a sawing back and forth motion. Work from the back of the horn forward, leaving the wire as low as possible to ensure removal of germinal tissue.
4. Once the horn is removed, haemorrhage is controlled by cauterizing the wound with a hot iron. The use of the hot iron also ensures that the surrounding germinal cells are killed.
5. Hot iron should be held in place for 15 second intervals, until the skin surrounding the base of the horn is adequately heated.

\*\*Note: Instead of incising the skin, the tip of a haemostat can be pressed firmly in place 1cm from the base of the horn. The use of the haemostat reduces the blood volume at the start of the procedure. Blood can make it harder for the wire to cut through the tissue.