Methodology – Elastic Banding

1. Use the elastrator technique for calves from birth to three weeks of age.
2. Use elastic rings purchased within the last 12 months to avoid breakage and assure a tight fit. The rings must be strong enough to cut off blood flow in the arteries as well as the veins. If not, the scrotum will swell.
3. Pull both testicles into the scrotum.
4. Place the rubber band on the elastrator. Hold the elastrator with the prongs facing up. Close the handles to open the band.
5. With the calf standing and both testicles in the scrotum, stretch the ring open and slip the open band up over the scrotum. Release the band just above the top of the testicles (~0.5 cm), not at the base of the scrotum.
6. Check to be sure both testicles are still in the tip of the scrotum and that the ring is placed properly.If not, cut the ring with scissors and start again.
7. Remove the elastrator from under the band.
8. EZE or Callicrate bands are applied in a similar location.

