**ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF DISBUDDING**

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|  Advantages |  Disadvantages |
| * Less Stressful compared to other procedures
 | * Painful without anesthesia
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| * Bloodless
 | * Scurs could grow following improper techniques
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| * Can be performed year-round
 | * Not permitted in some countries
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| * Horned cattle also pose a risk of injury to their herd mates aggressive interactions
 | * Operator skill is required in restraint and anesthesia to minimize risk of injury
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| * Disbudding, rather than dehorning, means the procedure is carried out in the young animal when restraint is simple and trauma minimized
 | * Disbudding is a permitted mutilation and potential welfare issue.
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|  | * Possibility animals can be blinded by cautery paste, when they have been allowed out in the rain soon after its application.
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|  | * Risk of chemical burns
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