

Finnish Farm Animal Welfare Council, May 24th, 2011

Statement on calf disbudding

The Finnish Farm Animal Welfare Council has discussed the effects of calf disbudding, or cauterization of budding horns, on calf welfare. The Council recommends that the disbudding be conducted under sedation and local anesthesia, and that the long term pain caused by the procedure be treated with anti-inflammatory pain medication.

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Additional information on the Finnish Farm Animal Welfare Council

Government decree on the Finnish Farm Animal Welfare Council, May 13th, 2009
<http://www.finlex.fi/fi/laki/alkup/2009/20090330>

Tasks and composition of the Finnish Farm Animal Welfare Council
http://www.mmm.fi/fi/index/etusivu/tiedotteet/091119_tuotantoelainten_neuvottelukunta.html

Minutes and statements of the Finnish Farm Animal Welfare Council
<http://www.mmm.fi/fi/index/etusivu/elaimet/tehvnk.html>

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