

HUMANE KILLING GUIDELINES

FOR SICK INJURED AND UNSALEABLE DAIRY CATTLE

THE SIX ESSENTIAL STEPS

1 WELL MAINTAINED CAPTIVE BOLT OR FIREARM*

Cleaned and maintained at the end of each day of use; spare parts available.

Do not use this equipment without proper training.



2 CORRECT STRENGTH BLANKS OR BULLETS

RIFLES:

Calves and yearlings .22 long rifle

Heifers and cows .22 magnum

Heavy cattle and bulls .30 calibre or larger

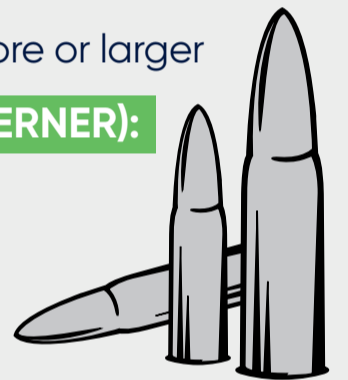
CAPTIVE BOLT GUN (BLITZ KERNER):

Calves – green

Yearlings – yellow

Cows – blue

Bulls – red



3 RESTRAINED ANIMAL

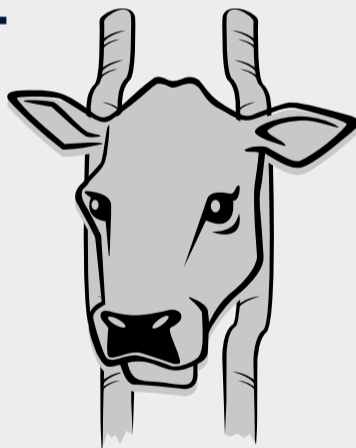
Use crush, halters, nose grips to keep head still.

CAPTIVE BOLT:

Press firmly against the skull.

FIREARMS:

Keep muzzle 10cm or more from skull.



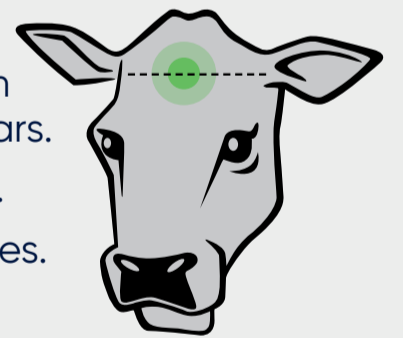
4 CORRECT TARGET

FRONTAL SHOT:

Enters high on forehead; aim midway between base of ears.

Aim down towards the neck.

Don't shoot between the eyes.



5 REPEAT SHOT IF NECESSARY

SUCCESSFUL SHOT INDICATED BY:

- 1 Immediate collapse
- 2 Generalised muscle contraction (20s)
- 3 Relaxation and reflex kicking of hind legs

REPEAT THE SHOT IF:

- Animal attempts to stand or right itself
- Eye blinking or sideways movement
- Vocalisation
- Breathing

Aim repeat shots midway between base of ears using a different entry point.

6 CONFIRM DEATH

Always confirm death five minutes after shooting and before leaving or disposing of the carcass

Use the five finger head check of brain reflexes:

- 1 No blink
- 2 Fixed dilated pupil
- 3 No jaw tone
- 4 No tongue tone
- 5 No breathing

If any reflexes remain then repeat the shot.

