CALF MARKING CHECKLIST



It's that time of the year again when we're marking this year's progeny and calculating livestock numbers. There's more to calf marking than just cutting and tagging, so here's a refresher on everything that needs to be done.

- **Record Keeping** – Accurate and thorough record keeping is essential for any well-run and profitable production system. Depending on the property, information such as age, weight, sex, ear tag number and dam may be recorded to assist with future property management decisions.
- **Stock Handling** – The safe and low-stress handling of stock helps ensure the safety of staff and improves livestock performance as they grow. Keeping this in mind when handling young cattle is particularly important.
- **Ear Tagging / NLIS / Ear Marking** – Tagging and marking allow rapid and accurate tracing of livestock movements, both between properties and into the market. NLIS tags are essential for all homebred cattle.
- **Branding** – Good restraint is crucial for fast, effective and safe branding. Ensure brands are clean to avoid smudging.
- **Dehorning** – Horned cattle can cause significant losses through carcass bruising during transport and at abattoirs or feedlots. Accurate, clean and early dehorning of your weaners helps manage both production and animal welfare concerns.
- **Castration** – Calves should be castrated at the youngest possible age using either surgical methods or rubber rings.
- **Vaccinations** – 5-in-1 or 7-in-1 vaccinations should be started from 6 weeks of age to ensure the second vaccination is given at the time of castration or earlier. Vaccinations are essential to help prevent costly weaner deaths from clostridial diseases such as blackleg.

South East Country Vets

THEY ARE WHAT THEY EAT!

Most people feed their pets **2-3 times more** than they would need to on a premium diet. That's a lot of money into the pooper scooper!

There has been a huge amount of research into canine and feline nutrition resulting in the production of diets that provide ALL of your pets dietary needs. These diets are not only proven to increase the lifespan and quality of life for pets who eat them, they are also highly palatable making every delicious mouthful enjoyable and fulfilling!

ROYAL CANIN NEUTERED ADULT	STORE BOUGHT ADULT FOOD
Uses **real dehydrated meat** from poultry & pork sources (fit for human consumption). Same recipe for EVERY batch so you always know what your pet is consuming.	Uses meat or **meat by-products** (anything that can't be used by the butcher e.g. offal, fat, bruised cuts etc). You never know exactly what you are feeding your pet.
Contains **proteins, fats, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals** at the right amount specific to the individual needs of your pet.	Contains varying amounts of **fats, fillers, additives and meat by-products**, requiring you to feed them more to keep them fuller for longer.
Completely digestible meaning less faeces to clean up in your backyard!	**Minimal nutritional value** = excessive amounts of faeces around your yard.



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