



SOP 7.8 ELECTIVE HUSBANDRY PROCEDURES

This standard operating procedure (SOP) can be used as a template.
If you develop your own version, all required elements must be included.

PID#:

Site manager: Person in charge:

PROTOCOL

Designated personnel must follow this protocol every time elective husbandry procedures are performed.	Applied On-Farm	Importance
1. The site manager must ensure the person in charge of this protocol is adequately trained.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mandatory
2. Instrument maintenance		
a. Use hygienic and well-maintained instruments (e.g., scalpel, clippers, tattoo hammer).	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mandatory
b. Replace or repair dull equipment when identified (e.g., sharpen scalpel and clippers and clean cauterizer as necessary).	<input type="checkbox"/>	
c. <i>Other good production practices:</i> _____ _____		
3. Piglet handling	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable	
a. Do not handle piglets aggressively.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mandatory
b. Do not throw or drop piglets.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
c. Pick up and hold piglets gently but securely.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Highly recommended
d. <i>Other good production practices:</i> _____ _____		

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4. Castration	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable	
a. Castrate piglets between _____ and _____ days after birth. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Use analgesics to help control post-procedure pain when castrating piglets. ii. Name(s) of drugs/products used: _____ 	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mandatory
b. When castration is performed on piglets more than 10 days old, use an anesthetic and analgesic. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Name(s) of drugs/products used: _____ 	<input type="checkbox"/>	
c. Other good production practices: _____ _____		
5. Tail docking	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable	
a. Perform tail docking between _____ and _____ days after birth. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Use analgesics to help control post-procedure pain. ii. Name(s) of drugs/products used: _____ 	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mandatory
b. Other good production practices: _____ _____		
6. Ear notching (if deemed necessary)	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable	
a. Only perform ear notching on piglets when deemed necessary and when piglets are less than 14 days old.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mandatory
b. Other good production practices: _____ _____		
7. Teeth clipping (if deemed necessary)	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable	
a. Perform teeth clipping, when deemed necessary, between ____ and ____ days after birth.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Highly recommended
b. The teeth-clipping technique must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. prevent teeth shattering ii. clip the teeth parallel to the gum line. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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c. <i>Other good production practices:</i> _____ _____		
8. Tusk trimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable	
a. Avoid the pulp cavity during tusk trimming.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mandatory
b. <i>Other good production practices:</i> _____ _____		
9. Minor on-farm surgeries	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable	
a. <i>Type of on-farm surgeries performed (e.g., hernia or ridgeline repair):</i> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mandatory
b. <i>Date of consultation with licensed veterinarian:</i> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	
c. Anesthetic(s) and analgesic(s) administered prior to surgery: i. <i>Names of drugs/products used:</i> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	
d. <i>Other good production practices:</i> _____ _____		

RECORD

Name of Record		Importance
R-B	Training Record	Mandatory