

How do I use my Swine Litter Processing Simulators?

Purpose

How to snip teeth, dock tails, notch ears, and castrate piglet.

Prerequisites

(Inform your reader about any required knowledge, configuration, or resources they may need before stepping through your How-To.)

- Piglet
- Teeth installed
- Ears installed
- Tail installed
- Testicles installed

Steps to Perform

Note: Refer to the Swine Litter Processing curriculum and slide presentation for detailed instructions on snipping teeth, docking tails, ear notching, and castration.

Clipping Teeth

1. Cut each tooth by placing the flat cutting edge parallel to the gums to prevent injury.
2. Make the cut $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{2}{3}$ of the top of each tooth.



Docking Tail

1. Properly hold the piglet to expose the tail.
2. Clip the tip of the tail off about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from the end.



3. If more tail is needed, pull on the tail to desired length.



Notching Ear

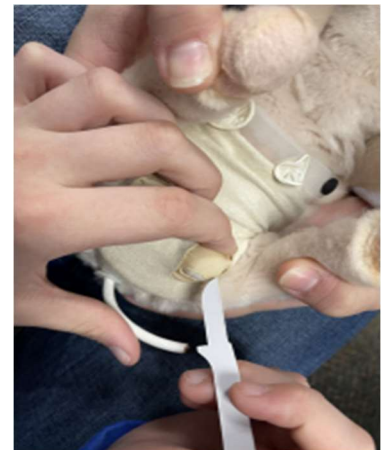
1. Identify the numbers you need to notch.
2. Identify the placement on each ear.
3. Place the cutting tool in the correct place on the ear and grip down on the cutting tool creating a "V" notch.



Castration

Note: This experience is for simulation only, not for actual cutting done on the piglet.

1. While holding the top of the testicle in the right or left notch, push the testicle down through the fabric to the slot of the castration pouch.
2. Use the plastic scalpel to simulate a cut in the scrotum.
3. Finally, pull the testicle out, simulating the castration process.



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