SOP No: ATT 014

SUBJECT: Vaginal Examination of Cattle (April 2015)

POLICY: This procedure may only be performed by or under the supervision of operators skilled in the technique

PRECAUTIONS: Proper restraining facilities limiting animal movement are required to ensure operator's safety and speediness of the procedure

EQUIPMENT: Tubular vaginal speculum (glass, PVC or cardboard) or Duckbill speculum
Flashlight
Bucket
Chlorhexidine
Paper towel
Obstetric Lubricant

PROCEDURE: A tubular vaginal speculum (glass, PVC, cardboard) or a duckbill speculum may be used. The vulva is gently washed with water and mild soap and the speculum is lubricated and inserted over the pelvis into the vagina. A flashlight is used to visualize the cranial part of the vagina.

Locate the cervix and look around the vagina; be aware of the normal cyclic changes and look for discharge, urine pooling, adhesions, tears, RFM, inflammation and abscesses.

You may also perform a manual vaginal exam. Insert your cleaned and gloved hand into the vagina, this will allow you to palpate the structures (cervix opening, adhesions, and vaginal or cervical tears).

RECOMMENDATIONS: Cleanliness is extremely important as a measure to minimise the risk of transferring pathogens into the internal reproductive organs.

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REFERENCES