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As per the current general practice, the male animals such as male cat, goat, sheep and pigs are subjected to cruel method of restrain by casting and castration using a Burdizzo Castrator to crush the spermatic cord. This method is totally cruel and causes the animals to experience immense pain, fear and stress, which also amount to cruelty as per the existing Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, and therefore a punishable offence.

According to the recommendation of Animal Welfare Board of India, Ministry of Environment and Forest, that an adequate anesthesia and pain relief must be given and advised to use a combination of anaesthetics and analgesics for such procedure. It is further advised to delineate a standard operation procedure (SOP) for field castrations in large animals, which should include not only the use of sedatives, anesthesia but also to create inventories of drugs, instruments and equipment to support the implementation of humane castration procedures (list of drugs, various reference are also being provided for easy implementation of such procedure).

Hence, it is directed that all the open castration should be performed by a registered veterinary practitioners using adequate anesthesia and pain relief and proper humane casting method. The training of the trainers especially V.O.'s from all the centres will be conducted at Training Hall, Gangtok and these trainers will further train paravets at their regional centres. The training will be conducted by Council in coordination with SARAH Division and Extension and Training Cell of the Department.

Regarding the practice of closed castration, the paravets shall perform such method and strictly adhere to the protocol and casting method. It will be the responsibility of the respective V.O.'s to prescribe the anesthetics and pain relief medication for such practice to be performed by the paravets.

Therefore, all the veterinary officers working in veterinary hospitals/polyclinics, District and Sub-Divisional Hospitals are directed to ensure that all the procedure of castrations be performed as per the AWBI's directives.

Sd/-

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