



Canadian Association of Swine Veterinarians

Association Canadienne des Vétérinaires Porcins

CASV-ACVP Position Statements

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TAIL-DOCKING

Statement

Tail-docking is a procedure that is performed in order to reduce the pain associated with tail biting in pigs.

- The CASV supports the requirement in the new Code of Practice for Swine to administer analgesia when tail-docking is performed in piglets, at any age.
- Tail-docking should be performed as early as possible to allow the wound to heal prior to weaning.
- Tail-docking should be performed using properly maintained equipment in order to minimize pain and to minimize the risk of infection.

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