

10 recommendations

Reduce the risk of hernia in pigs

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The farrowing unit must be disinfected and dry.

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Provide healthy surroundings for uncomplicated farrowings.

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Shorten the umbilical cord to max. 3 cm by burning of the tip. Do not rush the procedure and avoid pulling the umbilical cord. Remember to disinfect the scissors, if these are used. The question of whether to dock a wet or dry umbilical cord is still unclear.

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When shorten the umbilical area, it can be covered with a bandage.

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Do not squeeze the pig's stomach during castration.



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The sow in the farrowing unit must be surrounded by straw in the laying area.



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Place a moderate amount of sawdust or potato flour, for instance mixed with Stalosan F® or other disinfectants inside the covered creep area.

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Disinfect the umbilical area with chlorhexidine alcohol or iodine alcohol. Cyclo spray or other sprays with antibiotics may also be applied as long they are registered as antibiotics.

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Lift the pig and put it back into the unit by holding it under its stomach without squeezing.

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Provide lots of colostrum to the piglets and avoid diarrhea and coughing.

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