



LIVESTOCK WELFARE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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POSITION STATEMENT

HOBBLING OF LIVESTOCK

The practice of restraining livestock, especially horses, by this method is not recommended or acceptable as it can lead to injuries. The animal's head is tied to a foreleg rendering it unable to run, and leaves it defenceless against attacks by dogs. Hobbled animals cannot lift their head and this causes additional stress.

In some circumstances the South African Equine Veterinary Association (SAEVA) endorses the use of hobbling of horses for certain, restricted training purposes (not for unsupervised restraint). The SAEVA Website (<http://www.saeva.co.za/>) should be consulted for this usage.

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