



EMERGENCY VETERINARY ALERT:

Uterine Prolapse in Cattle

Uterine prolapse is a life-threatening obstetric emergency occurring in cows. **Immediate action is required to save the cow's life.**

!! What is Uterine Prolapse?

This occurs when the uterus turns inside out and protrudes from the vulva, typically happening shortly after calving (usually within the first few hours).

Signs to Watch For

- **Large Mass:** A large, reddish-pink, muscular mass hanging from the rear of the cow.
- **Location:** Extending out from the vulva, often reaching the cow's hocks.
- **Timeframe:** Occurs immediately following a difficult calving or a rapid, easy delivery where the cow has been straining.

Urgency Level: **CRITICAL**

The uterus is extremely fragile and vascular. Exposure to air, contamination from manure/dirt, and potential damage from the cow stepping on it can lead to:

- **Massive, fatal internal bleeding.**
- **Severe infection.**
- **Irreversible damage** to the uterine tissue.

IMMEDIATE ACTION PLAN (While Waiting for Vet)

1. **Call a Veterinarian Immediately.** This is not a situation that can be managed without professional intervention.
2. **Confine the Cow.** Gently move the cow into a sturdy pen to prevent her from running or causing further injury to herself.
3. **Prevent Further Contamination.** If possible, gently wash the uterus with warm water to remove manure or debris.
4. **Protect the Uterus.** If the cow is lying down, try to keep the uterus from being dragged in the dirt. **Do not** attempt to push the uterus back in yourself, as this can cause internal tearing.
5. **Keep the Cow Calm.** Minimize noise and activity around her.



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