

Frequently Asked Question on Downer Cows

Why should I document my down cow procedures?

Many milk processors will be requiring a written plan as part of the FARM program.

Why should I have a euthanasia plan?

A cow may have a severe injury such as a broken leg and it would be inhumane treatment to allow her to suffer.

Why can't I just call Sandy Bay?

This may be fine for chronic issues, where the cow is not in severe pain, but cows in severe pain should be dealt with as quickly as possible, even on Sundays.

Why should I document all cows that go down?

Sometimes cows will fall in one place, get up and then become lame later. Knowing where they originally fell will allow you to take measures to improve your facilities.

Should I have a downer cow policy even if I have no employees?

Occasionally, you may have someone helping if you have to take time off. Also, it will be needed if your processor participates in the FARM program.

How much is this going to cost?

The only cost is the time it take to decide what your policies will be and then to review it. We have made a template that will speed the process up considerably.

How much time is it going to take?

Usually, just 10 to 15 minutes.

Will Dairyland Veterinary Service help train my employees on down cow care?

You Betcha!!!