

CALVING PARALYSIS

Calving Paralysis occurs when the calf remains in the birth canal too long, causing bruising or in severe cases rupture of the nerves to the hindlegs.

Antiinflammatories can be used to reduce the amount of swelling of the nerves. Severe cases with severed nerves will not respond.

It is best to begin treatment within 6 hours of calving.

Our recommended treatment regime involves:

1. Intramuscular injections of anti-inflammatory medication eg Flunixin or Tolfedine, follow up with injections as necessary.
2. Physiotherapy – rolling the cow from side to side, “pumping” the hind legs, and slinging the cow. Pump the legs 20 times 2-3 times daily.
3. Nursing – ensure the cow is drinking & eating good quality food. If she is not, then purchase some Acetol from us to supplement her energy. She will need sufficient nutrition to be strong enough to get herself up.
4. Always check that she has not broken a leg, pelvis or stifle joint either as an initial injury or while trying to get up.

PLEASE KEEP THE MEDICINES WELL AWAY FROM CHILDREN.