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Position Statement
On-Farm Surgical Procedures and Veterinary Oversight
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- Major surgical procedures involve both incising the skin and underlying tissues to gain access to major body cavities, such as the abdomen or thorax. It carries an inherent high risk of infection and/or an extended recovery period. Major surgical procedures should only be carried out by a licensed veterinarian using appropriate anesthesia and analgesia. Minor surgical procedures (incisions which do not gain access to main body cavities) should be carried out in consultation with a licensed veterinarian with appropriate training and veterinary oversight, along with appropriate use of anesthesia and analgesia.