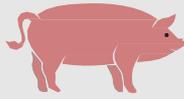


Decision-making aid for pigs requiring care

for animals from approximately 2 months old



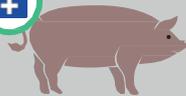
Can the pig feed itself independently and sufficiently

- s
- eat and drink
 - defecate and urinate
 - stand up, walk and lie down smoothly?

Routine checks



No



Is the pig sick or injured **and** is there a chance of recovery?*

yes

Treat according to the farm treatment plan / veterinary advice
Is there sufficient improvement within 3 days?

No

Yes

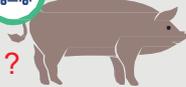
Is an improvement in prognosis realistic following a change in treatment?*

Yes

Continue treatment and additional care until full recovery



No



Is the pig fit for transport and slaughter?*

yes

Euthanasia

Slaughter



No



Is the pig fit for slaughter?

yes

Is emergency slaughter possible?

Yes

slaughter

Emergency

No

No

Euthanasia

* If in doubt, always consult your vet.

** The assessment of fitness for transport and fitness for slaughter at the abattoir is decisive.

Decision-making guide for pigs requiring care

for animals from approximately 2 months old

Every livestock farmer is responsible for the euthanasia of animals on their farm, in accordance with EU Regulation 1099/2009

This decision-making aid supports the farmer in making this decision.

In addition to making an informed decision, the farmer must meet the following conditions:

- choosing a (legally permitted) euthanasia method
- preventing avoidable pain, stress and suffering
- professional competence of practitioners
- Establishing a working procedure

Sick or injured animals require appropriate care, including suitable accommodation, depending on the severity of the condition. This may involve isolating the animal in a sick bay with a soft bedding area, a safe social environment and sufficiently frequent provision of food and water.

It is recommended that cases of illness and euthanasia be recorded so that this information can be used when drawing up farm health plans.

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