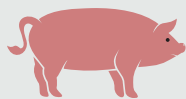


On farm decision tool for pigs in need of care

for pigs ± 2 months and older



Can the pig on its own and sufficiently

- eat / drink
- defecate / urinate
- get up, walk and lay down with ease, is the pig not lame?

yes

Routine checks controles

no



Is the pig sick or wounded *and* is there a reasonable probability of recovery?*

yes

Treat according to farm health plan / veterinarian's treatment plan

Is sufficient recovery achieved within 3 days?

yes

Continue therapy and supportive care until complete recovery

yes

Is improvement to be expected with a change of treatment?*

no

yes

no



Is the pig fit for transport?*

yes

Euthanasia

Slaughter

no



Is the pig fit for slaughter?

yes

Is emergency slaughter an option?

yes

Emergency slaughter

no

no

Euthanasia

* Consult your veterinarian in case of doubt.

** Judgement of fitness for transport and slaughter at the abattoir is leading.

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Each farmer is responsible for on-farm euthanasia of their animals, according to EC Directive 1099/2009.

This decision tool supports the farmer with decision making.

Next to making a well founded decision, the farmer needs to:

- choose an appropriate and legal method for euthanasia
- prevent avoidable pain, stress and suffering
- only let skilled and trained persons perform euthanasia
- record all working procedures

Sick or injured animals require adequate care, including appropriate housing for such animals, matching the severity of the condition. For example, relocating the animal to a designated pen, providing a physical and social safe environment with soft flooring and adequate supply of feed and water.

Recording cases of disease and euthanised animals is recommended, so the information can be used for developing and updating farm health plans.

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