



Canadian Association of Swine Veterinarians

Association Canadienne des Vétérinaires Porcins

CASV-ACVP Position Statement

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CASTRATION

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The castration of male piglets is a surgical procedure performed to reduce aggressive behaviors and boar-taint of pork. In July 2016, the new Code of Practice for Swine requirements to administer analgesia (all ages) and anesthesia (more than 10 days of age) when performing castration of piglets came into effect.

- The CASV-ACVP supports the requirements of the Code of Practice for Swine to administer analgesia and anesthesia of piglets to help manage post-castration pain.
- Castration should be performed as early as possible to allow the wound to heal prior to weaning.
- The CASV supports the development of practical, effective, and approved analgesic and anesthetic protocols to help mitigate the pain of piglets at castration.
- The CASV also supports other alternatives to castration, such as immunological castration or marketing of intact males (when accepted by pork processors).

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