

COW HANDLING

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1. You will learn about (learning objectives):

- How to properly assess the behavior of cows
- How and when to treat a cow in some unusual situations

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2. Keep Calm and Move Cows Statements

2.1 Golden Rule number 1:

When you want to move a cow from A to B very quickly, do it very slowly.



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2.2 Golden Rule number 2:

Have patience, the cow is always right.



2.3 Golden Rule number 4: Recognize danger signs

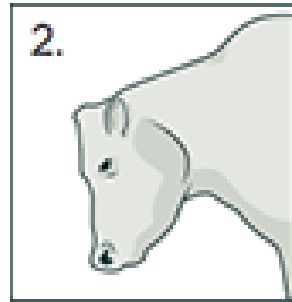
Example of Danger sign: Alert before flight position



Most important Danger signs to look out for:



1; Neutral position



2; Slightly antagonistic position



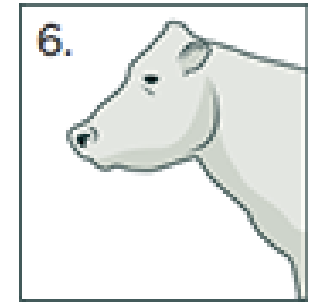
3; Highly antagonistic position



4; Confident approach



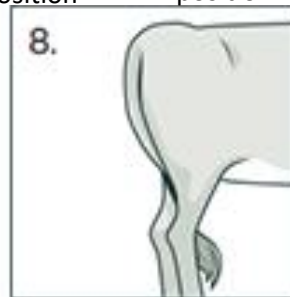
5; Submissive approach



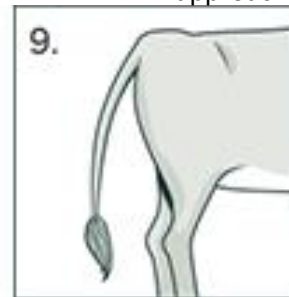
6; Alert before flight position



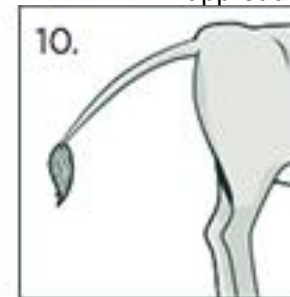
7; Grazing and/or walking



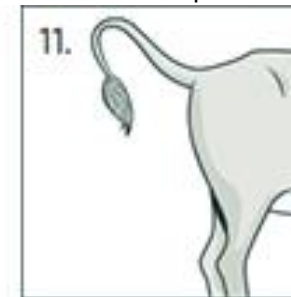
8; Cold/ill frightened



9; Threatening curiosity/sexual excitement



10; Galloping

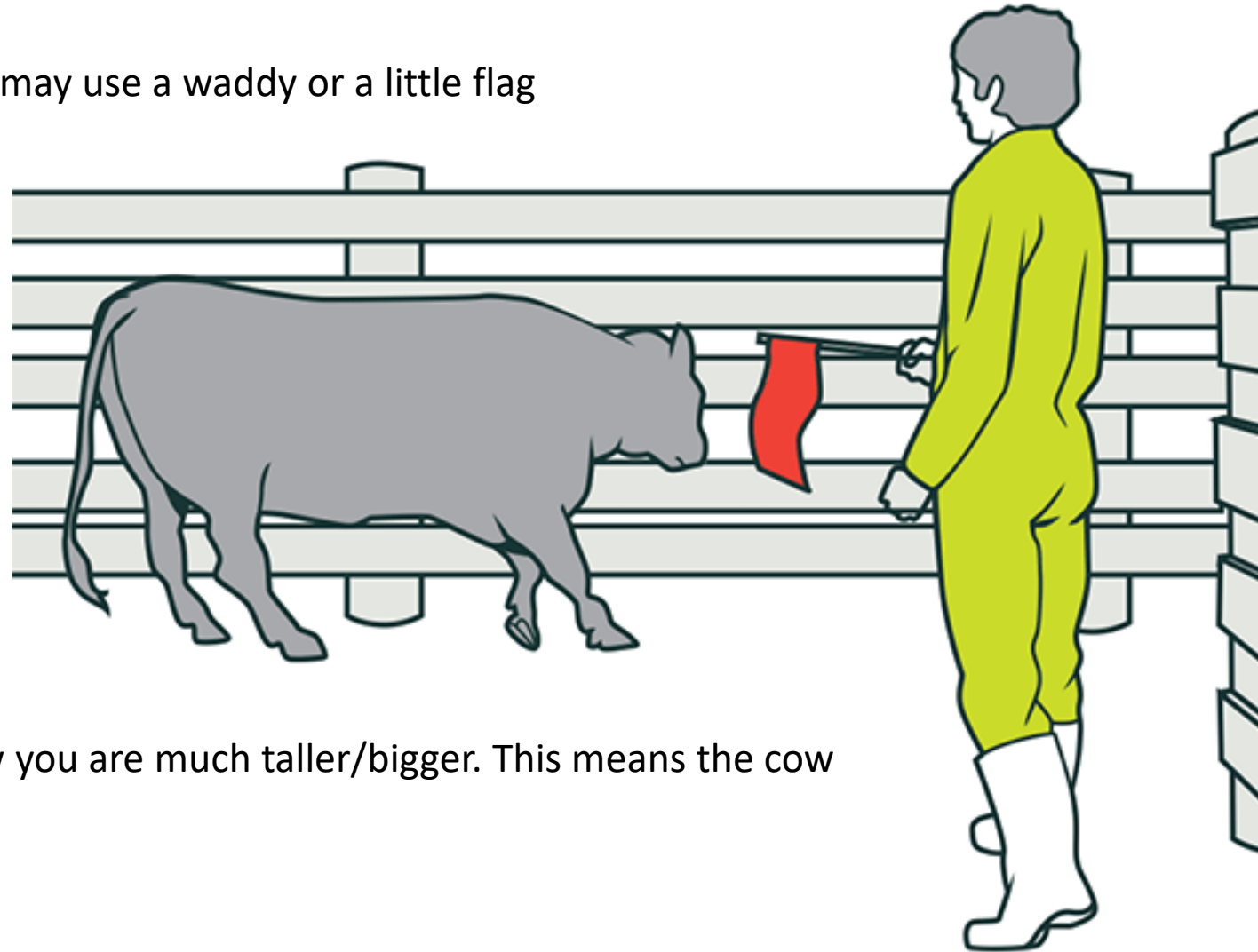


11; Kicking or playing

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3. Contact with cows

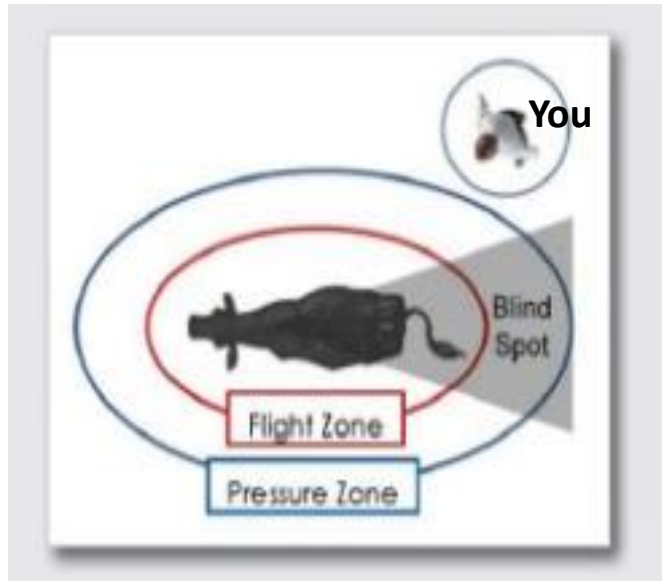
- In some situations you may use a waddy or a little flag



- In the eyes of the cow you are much taller/bigger. This means the cow respects you more.

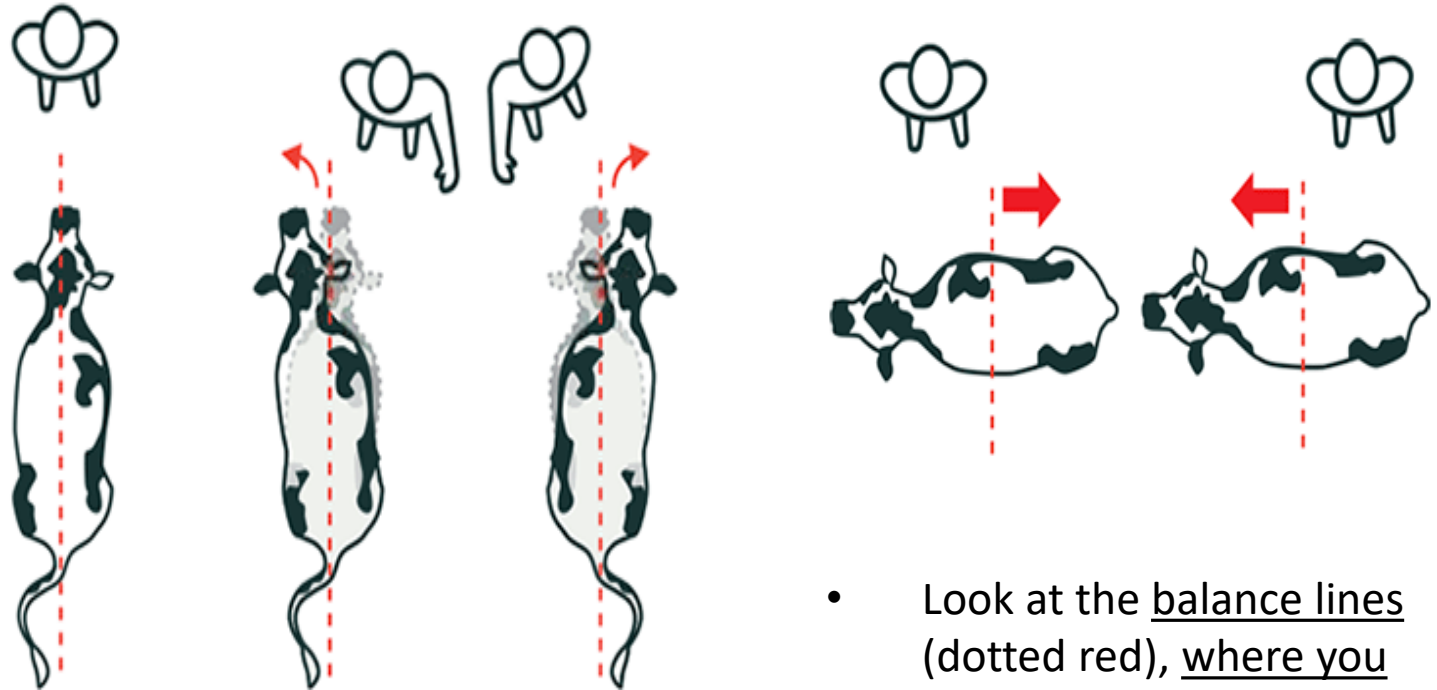
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4. How to get a cow moving...



- Slowly approach the cow
- The angle at which you approach a cow will influence the direction she moves.

Understand the cow's movement behavior

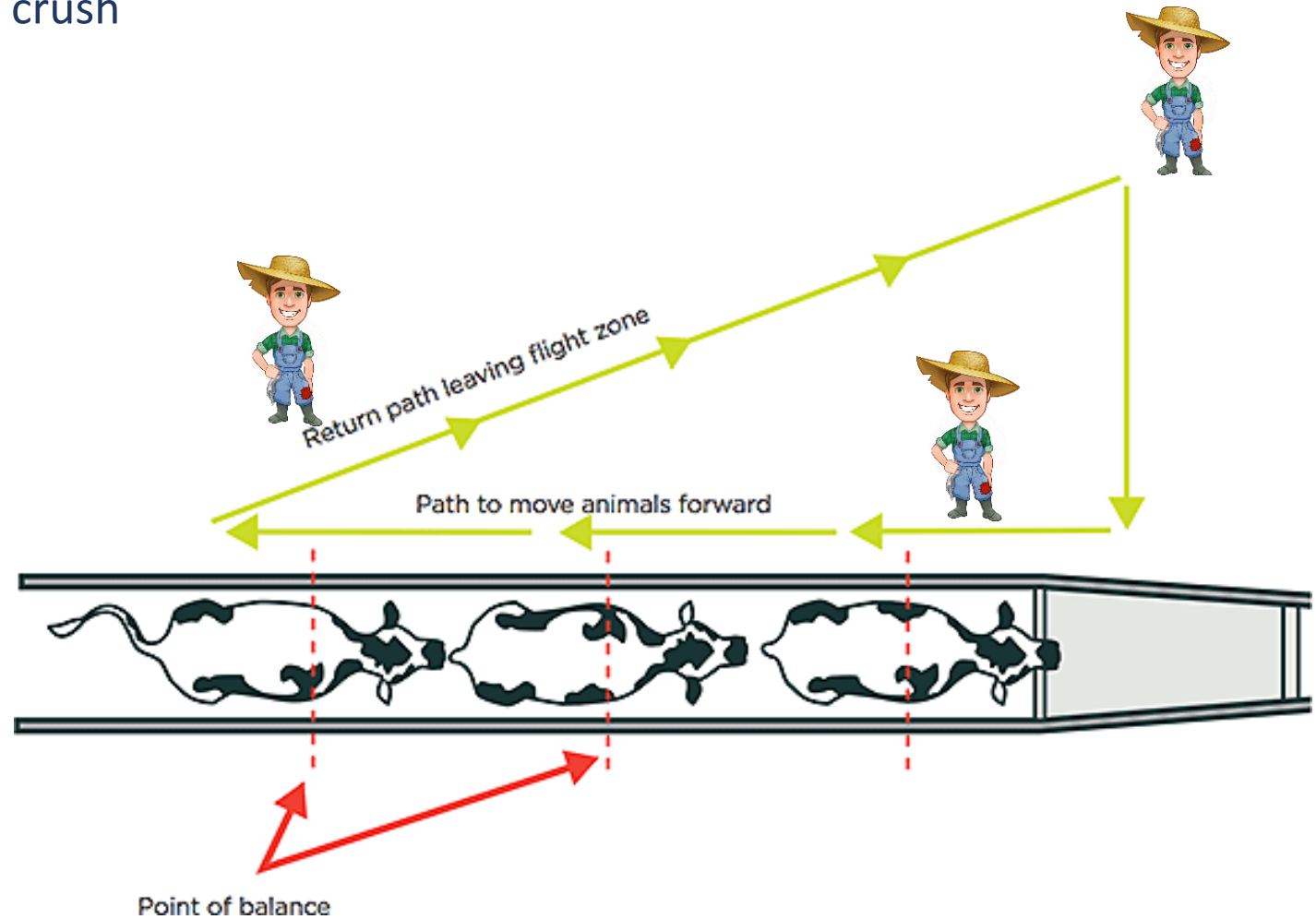


- Look at the balance lines (dotted red), where you are and what cow is doing

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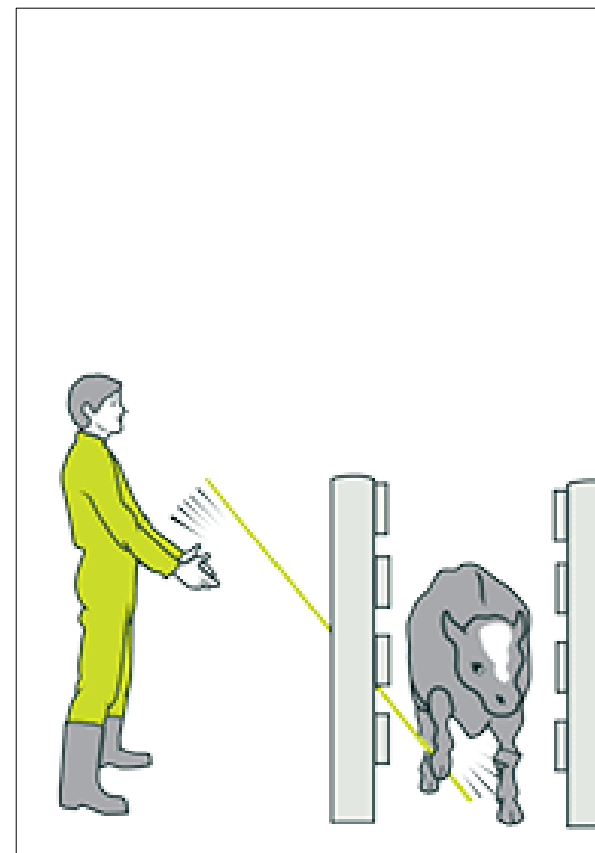
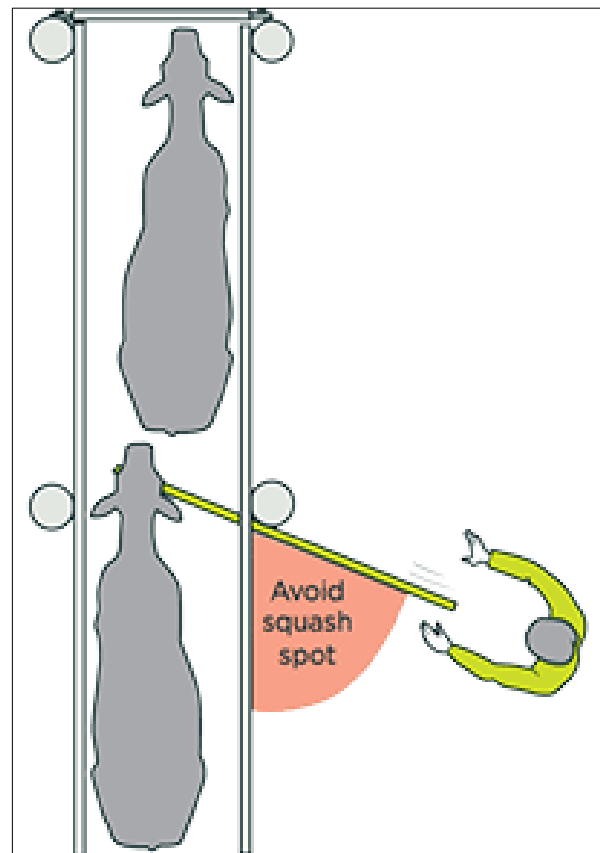
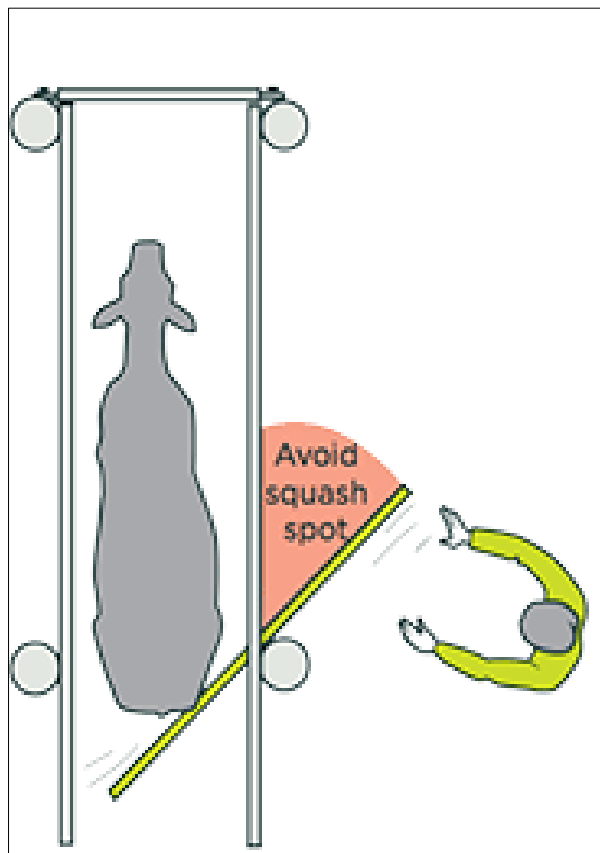
4.1 Working with cows through a crush

No Shouting! No hitting!



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4.1.2 Working with cows through a crush cont'd...

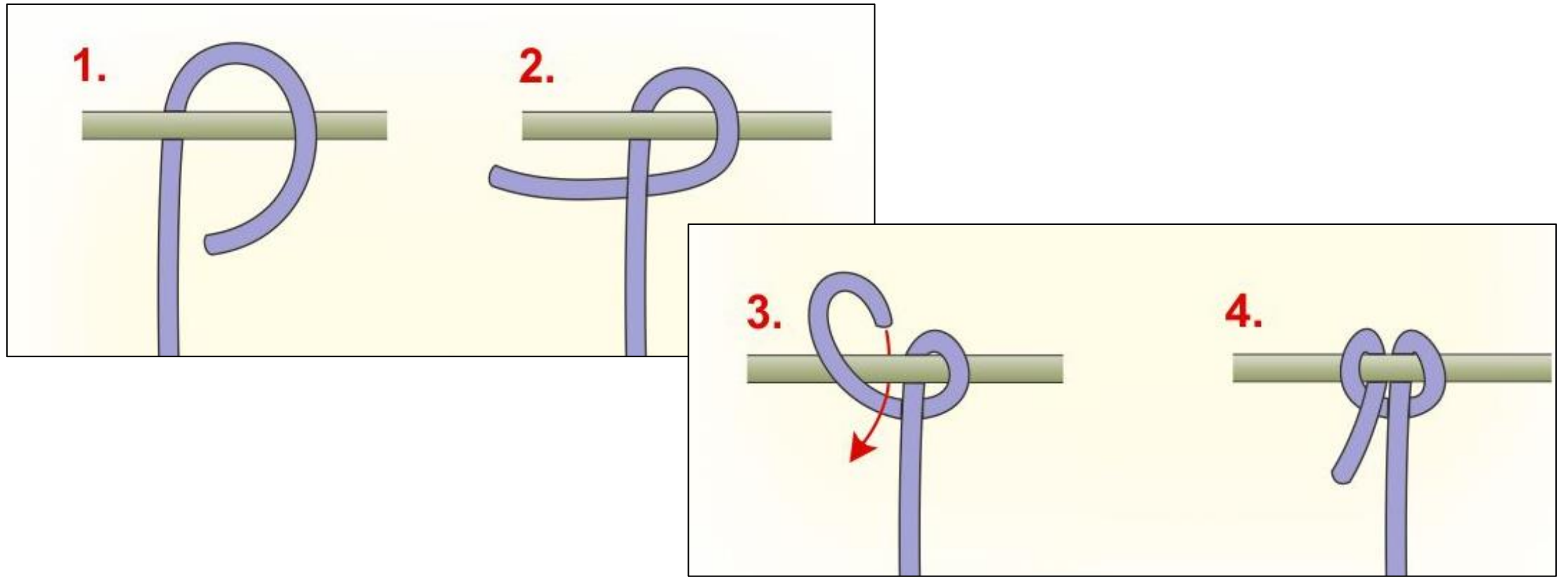


Always be aware of sudden movements , animals are strong, avoid serious injuries. Keep out of reach of iron bar.

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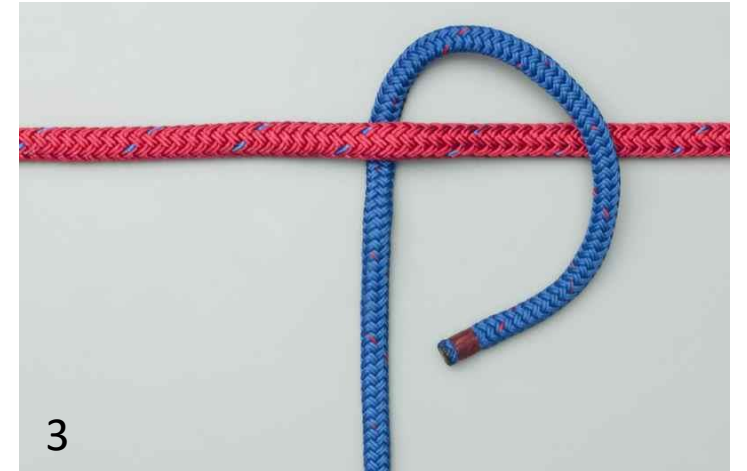
5. Restraining Cows

5.1 Easy escape/loosening



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5.2 Cow Hitch knot



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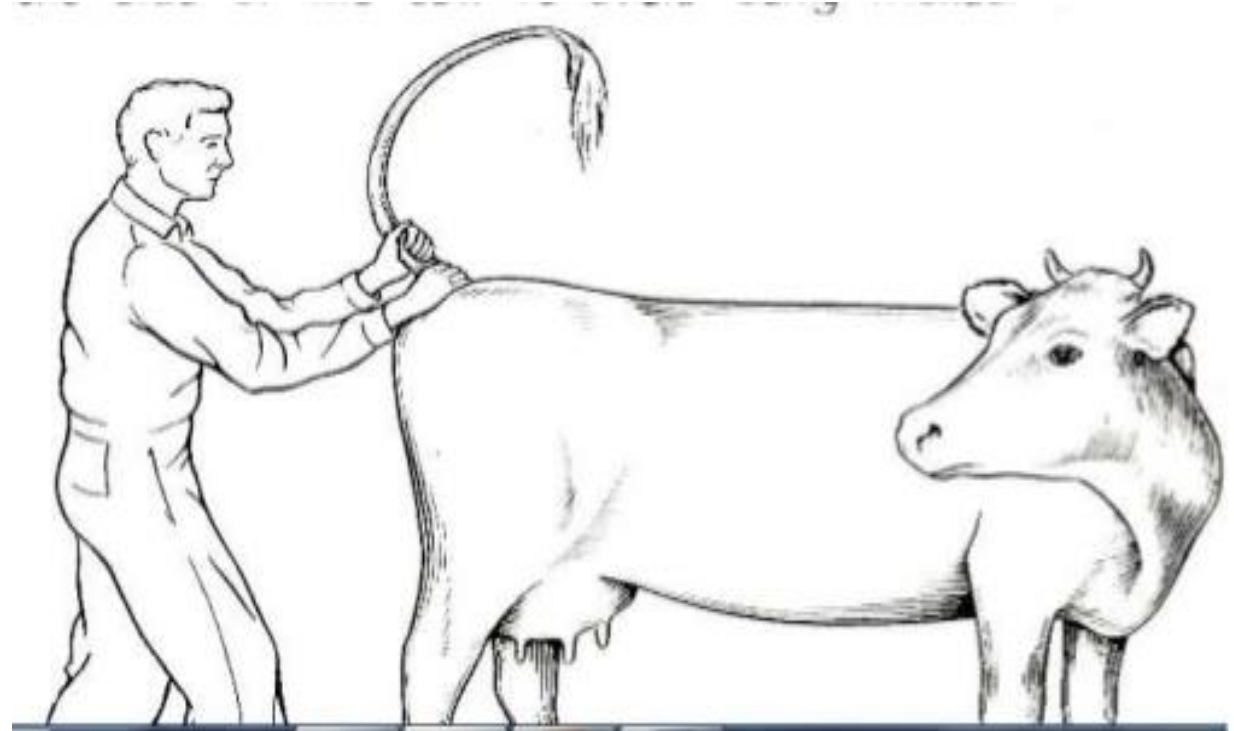
5.3 Clove Hitch knot



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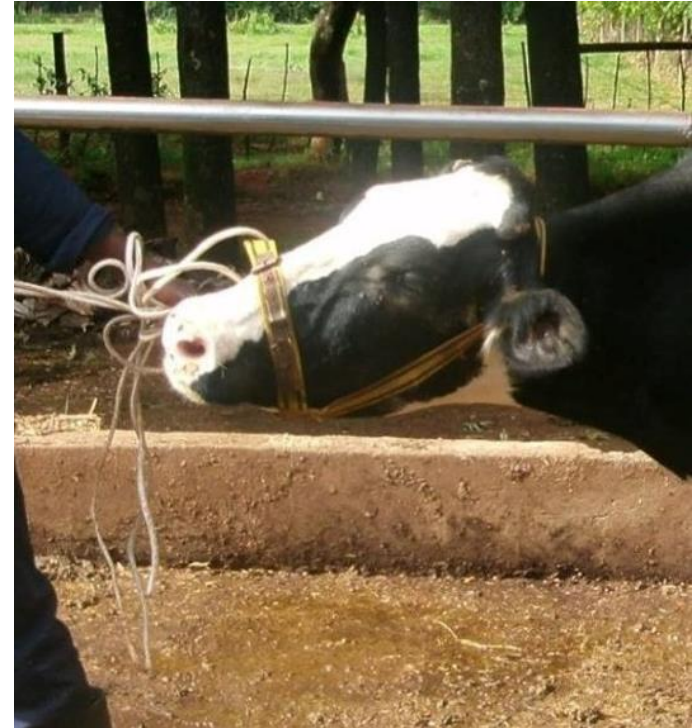
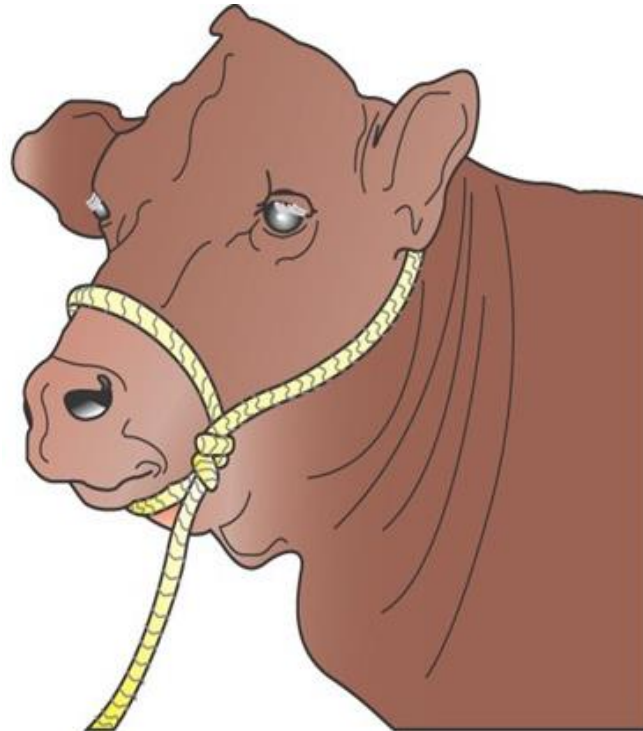
6. Some individual techniques

6.1 By Tail



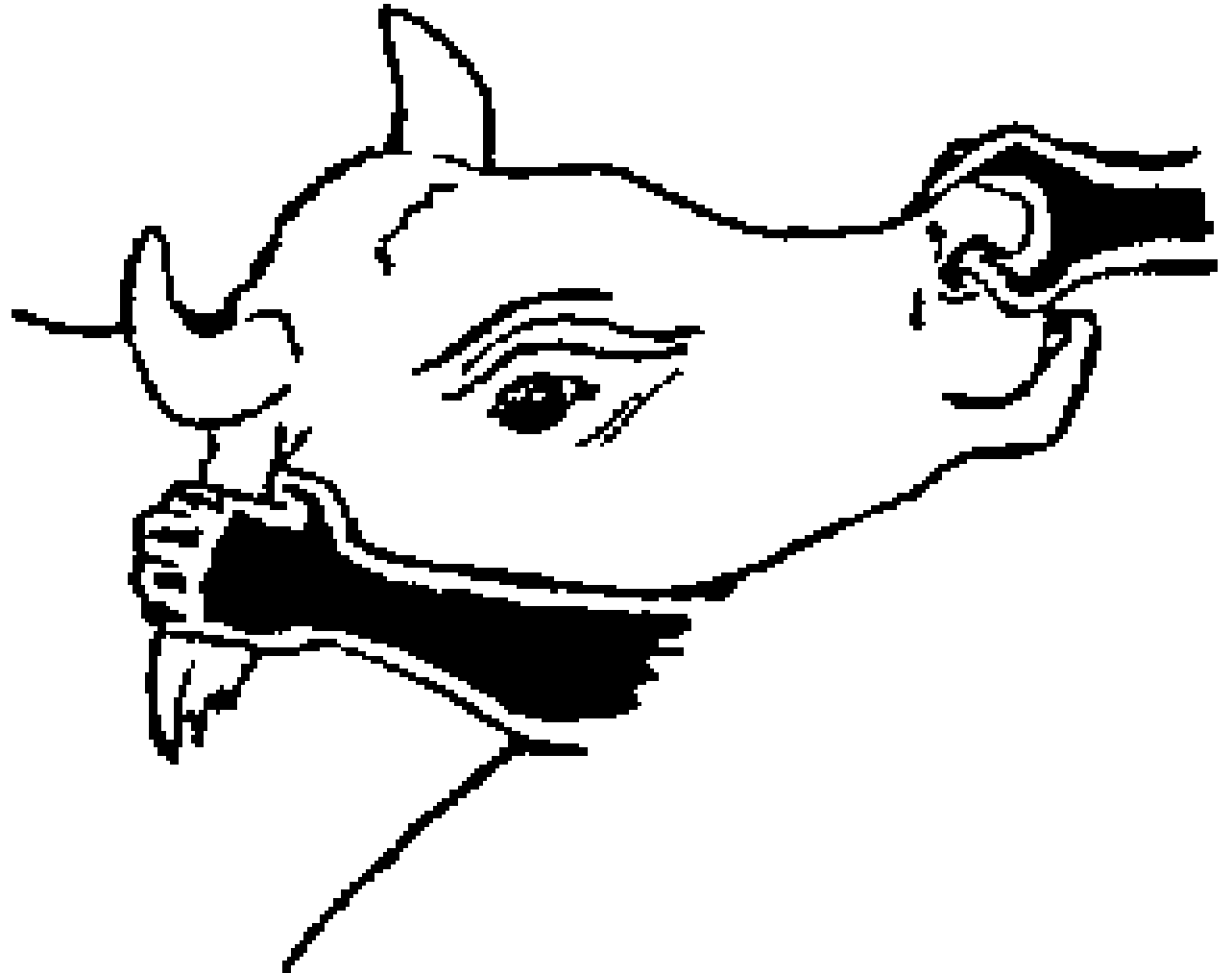
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6.2 By Head



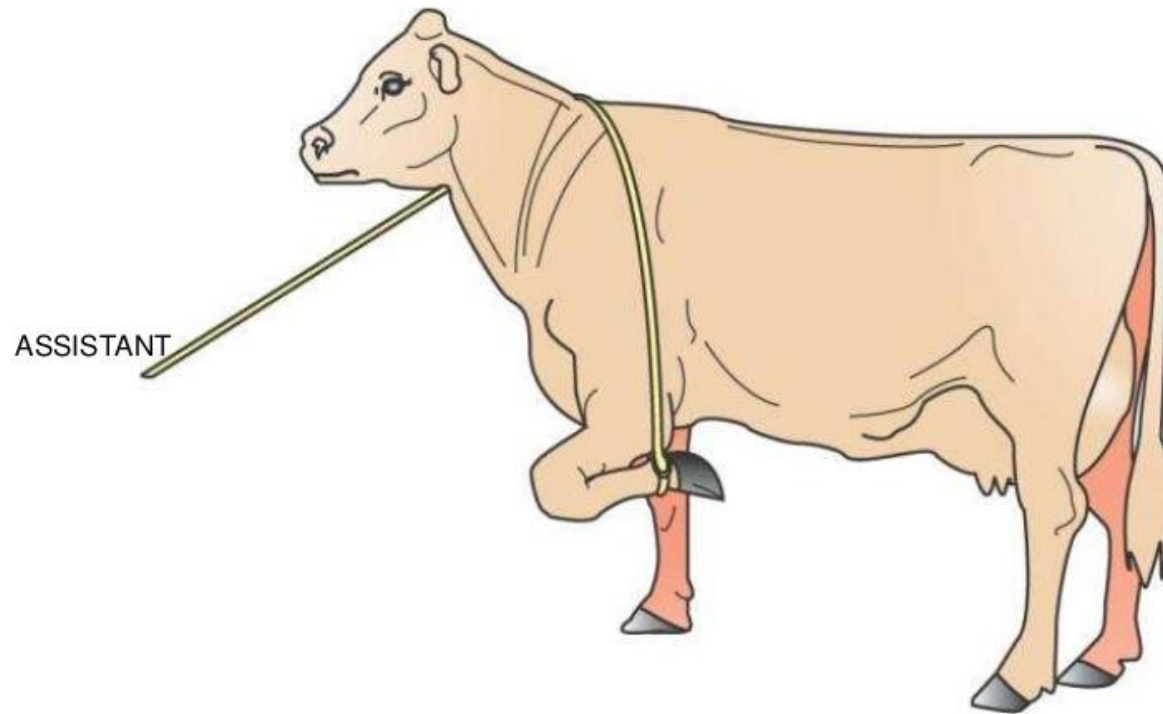
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6.3 By Nose



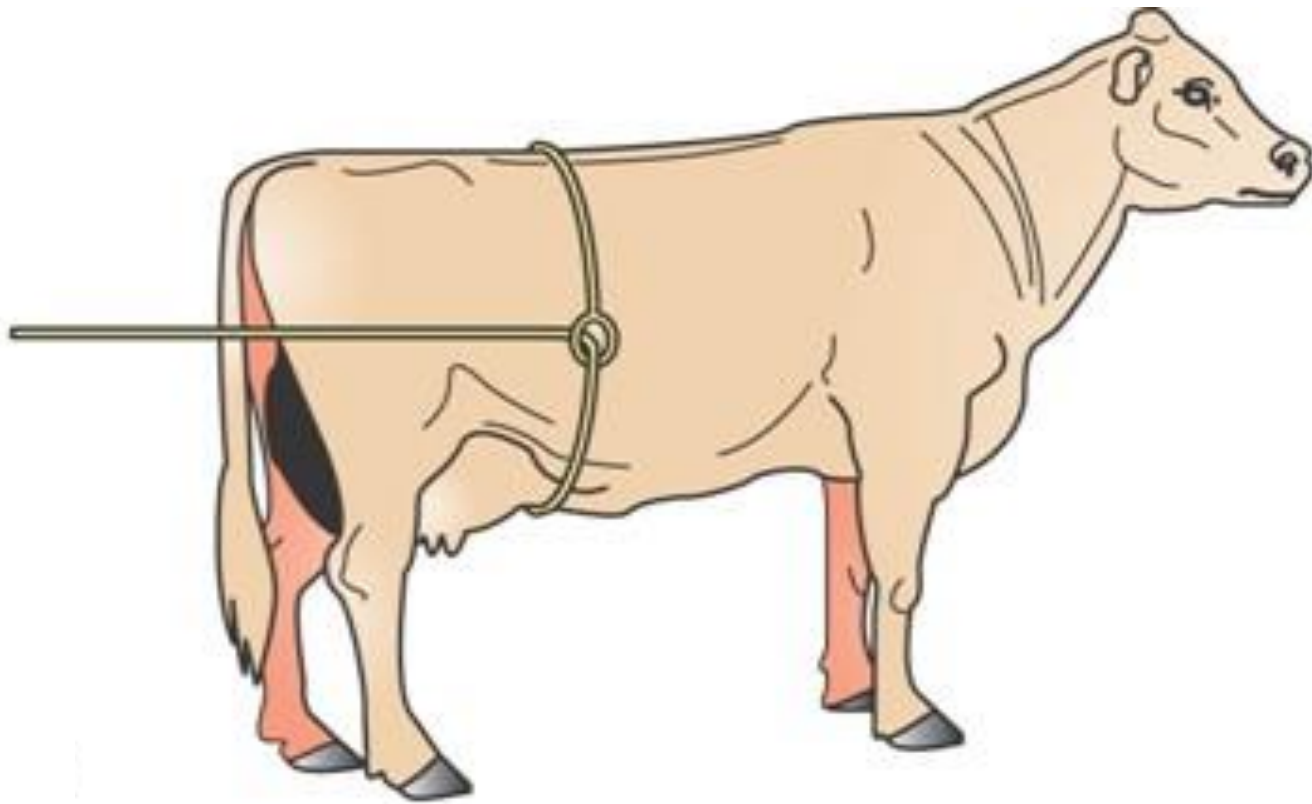
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6.4 Front leg



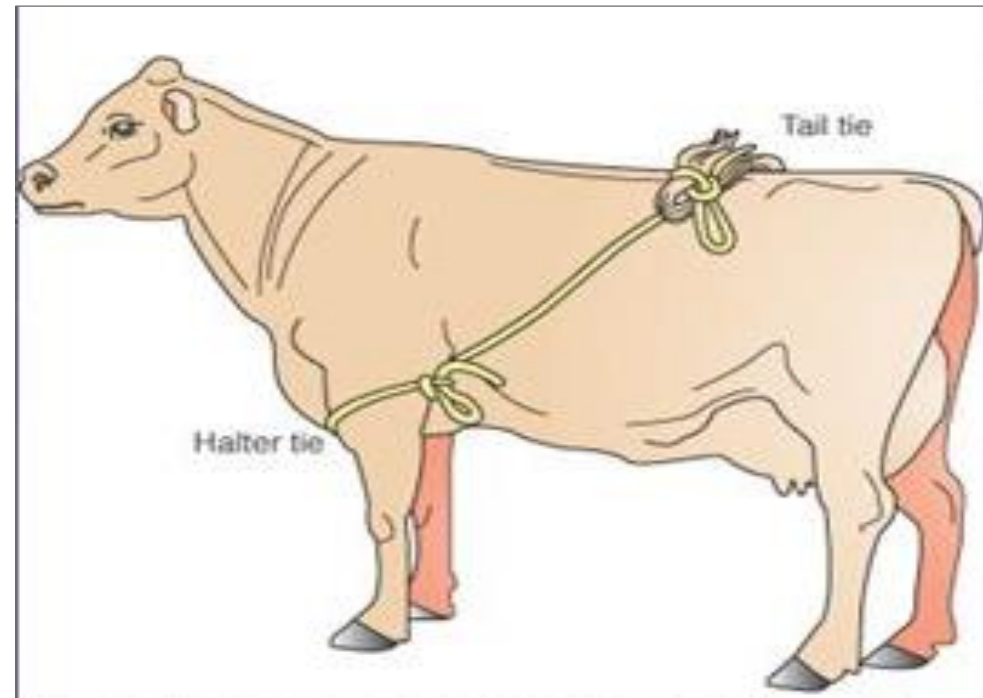
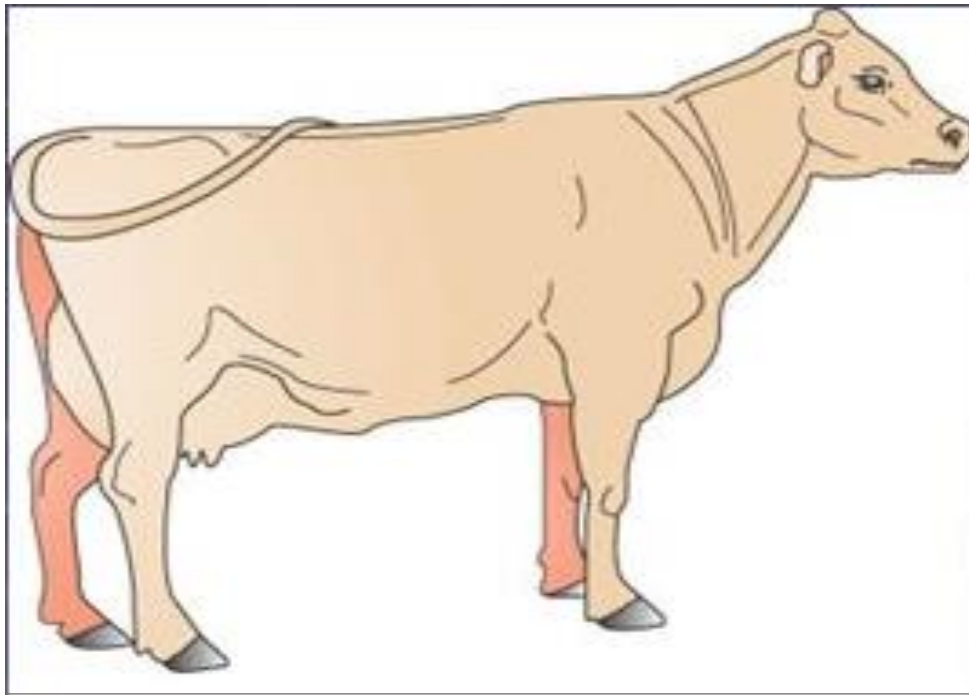
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6.5 Flank rope



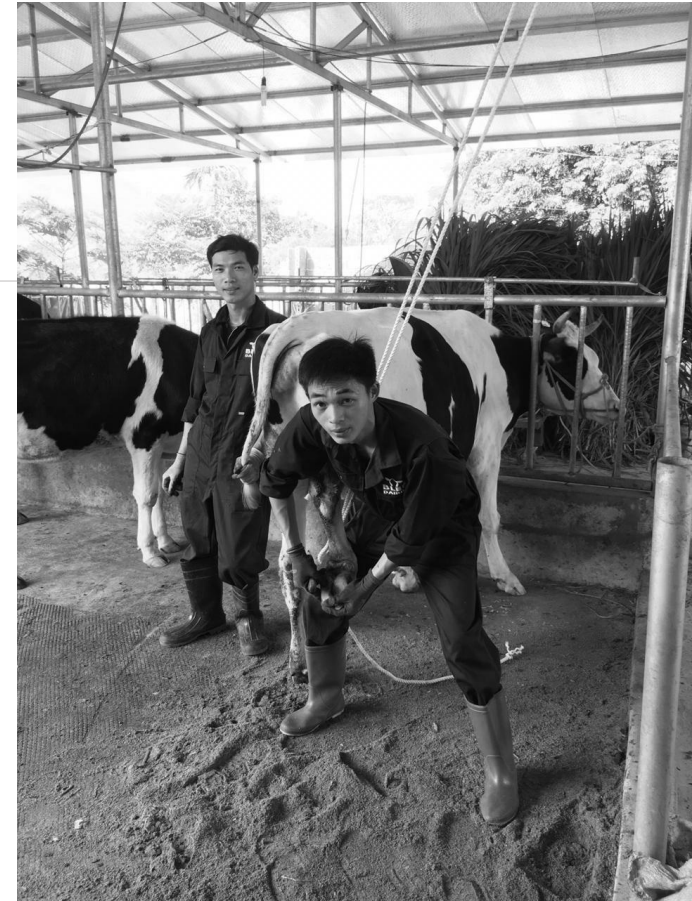
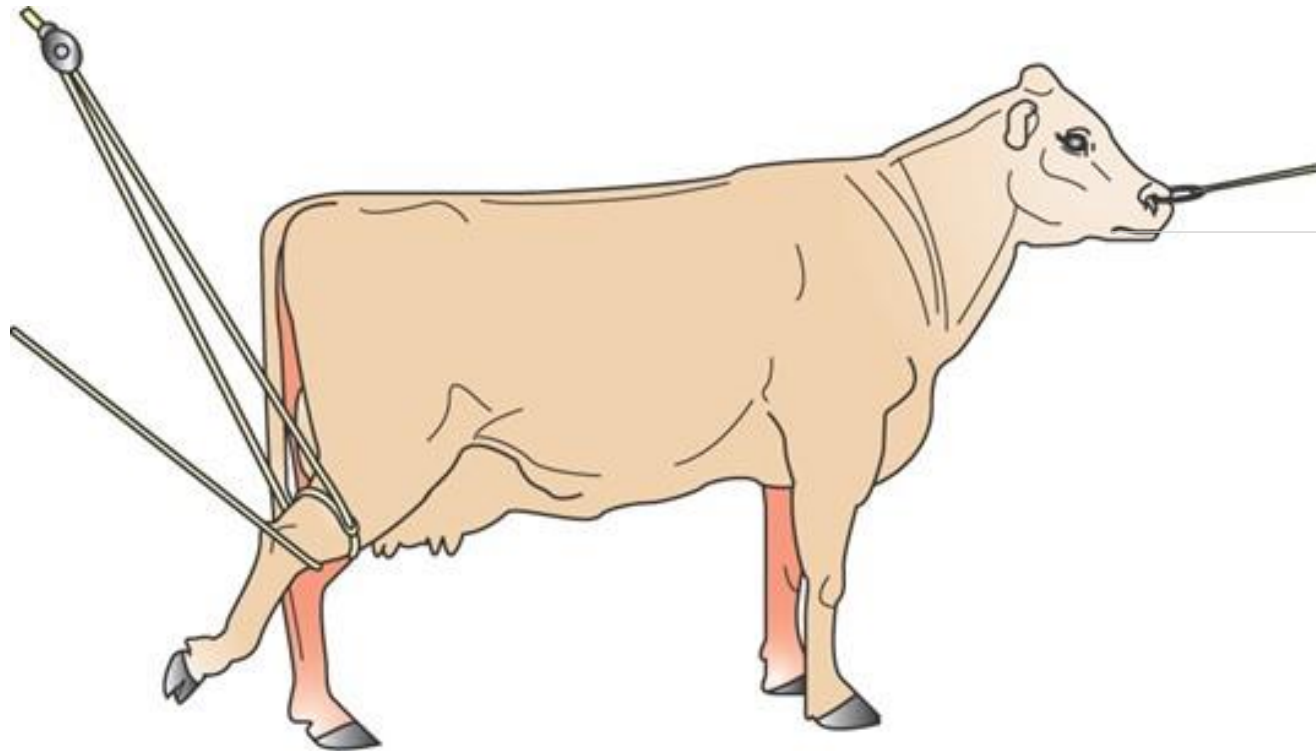
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6.6 Tail rope



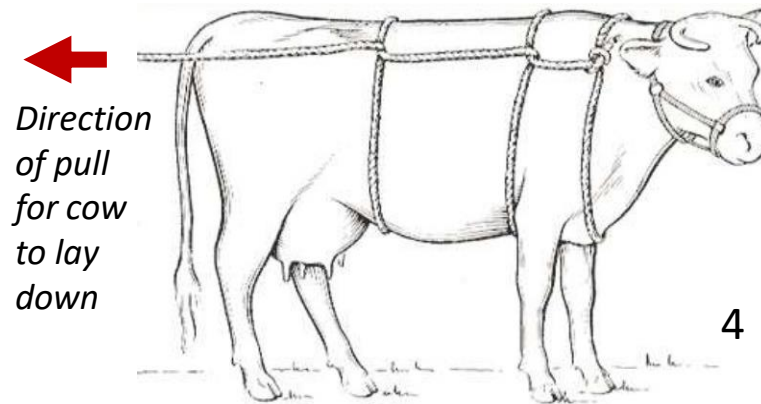
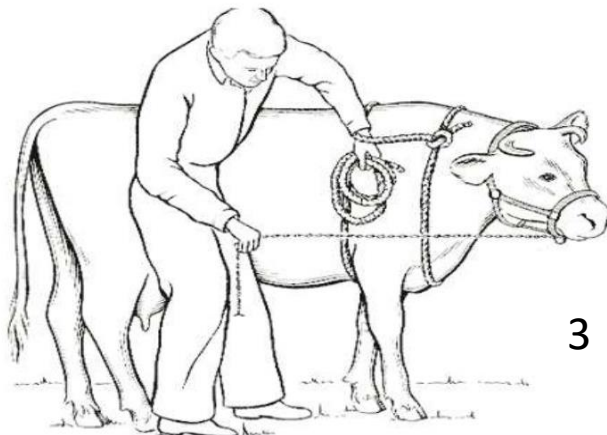
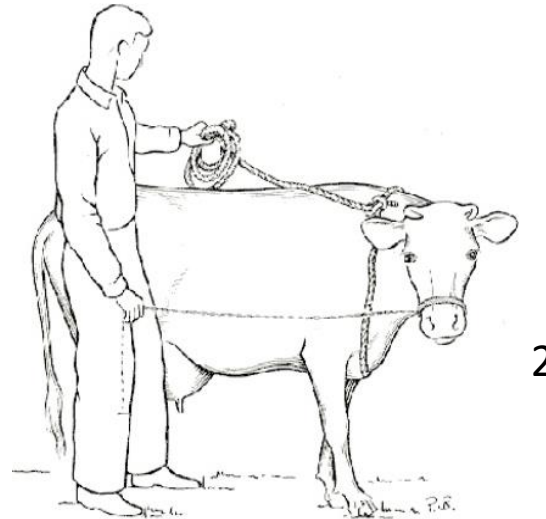
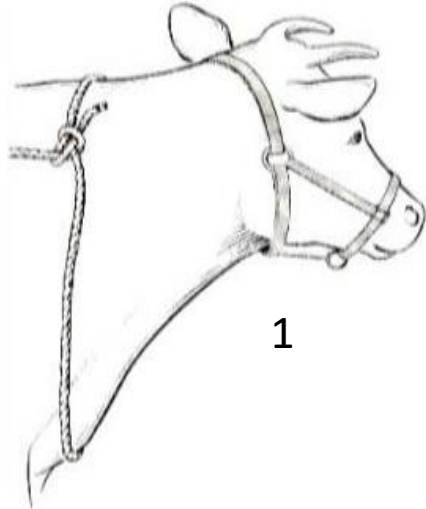
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6.7 Hind leg



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6.8 Rope Squeeze



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7. Summary (Quick Take home)

1. Handling cows in a correct and decent way always pays back
2. Cows will treat you like you treat them
3. Cow handling starts when calves are young.



Watch this video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k5CQ83YHwbM>



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