

Protocol For Dealing with Sick Calves

Evaluation of calves should include scores given for **scours**, **respiration** and **appearance** on a scale of 1 -5 for each .

Scours

1	2	3	4	5
Normal Faeces. Consistency of pudding	Slightly less firm e.g. yoghurt	Considered scours. Consistency of syrup, loose to watery with a strong odour	Anything more fluid than syrup. Consistency of apple juice with faecal matter still seen	Consistency of water with no faecal matter or with mucous and/or blood

Respiration

1	2	3	4	5
Normal breathing, no problems	Slight cough, runny nose but regular breathing	Has moderate cough and rapid breathing	Severe, frequent cough and rapid breathing	Severe, chronic, cough with irregular breathing

Appearance

1	2	3	4	5
Alert and active	Droopy ears. Slightly unresponsive	Moderately depressed. Head and ears drooping	Depressed with drooping ears and head. No interest in getting up	Flat on its side

Steps:

- 1 All scores should be added up for each day,
- 2 If score exceeds 9 take temperature reading, (Normal temperature 37°C - 38°C)
- 3 When temperature exceeds 38°C treat with oral rehydration solution and/or veterinary treatment.