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LIFTEASE - Cow Lift Sling

Lifting and supporting a **down cow** is easy using the LIFTEASE COW SLING - and a front-end loader or forklift.

Step 1 - Placing the Cow on the Sling

a) Lay out the sling on the ground next to the cow. Ensure the brisket support area is to the front and the seat pad is to the rear. Each of the lifting straps has multiple loops to enable easy length adjustment

b) Roll the cow over her back, onto her stomach, in the centre of the sling. Make sure the front and rear lift-straps are spread out, well away from the sling, for easy retrieval.

(Tip:- It may be useful to work the sling under the cow using the main lift straps. Or better - use a Hip Clamp lifting device to enable placing the LIFTEASE sling correctly under the cow).

Step 2 - Connecting the Sling to the Loader Forks

a) Lower the loader forks over the animal just clear of its back. Fit the lift loops onto the loader forks (pic 1). Position the loops on each fork so that the load is evenly spread and the loops are spaced to ensure cow comfort. The loops need to be far enough onto the forks so they cannot slide off when lifting or transporting the animal (pic 2).

b) Position the seat support so that it is comfortably placed approximately mid-way between the udder and the tail (pic 3). This is important as it supports the animal, preventing it from slipping rearwards out of the sling.

c) The front straps should cross over above the cow (see pic 2). This will hold her more securely in the sling.

Note: The long rear straps have slip-sleeves on them to prevent strap-chafing where the straps pass either side of the udder. The udder should fall between the straps (pic 4).

Step 3 - Lifting the cow

Slowly raise the forks taking some of the load. Then adjust the length-loops on each strap to ensure a safe, secure and comfortable lift for the animal (pic 1).

If you do not have silage forks you may need the optional "Hook Hardware Kit" (Shoof code 217 358) which gives more options when lifting with a bucket or pallet forks.

Always consider the animal comfort and safety when using the LIFTEASE Cow Sling.

Note: Do not leave the cow in the sling for an excessive time without attendance. The sling is meant for intermittent use. Best used for multiple short periods of about one hour, through the day. Ensure food and water are available to the cow whilst it is in the sling.

Monitor the cow's movement so that the straps are comfortable and not injuring her in any way. Always consult with your veterinarian to ensure the cow's best welfare.