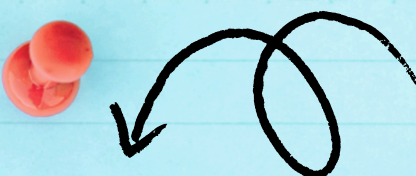


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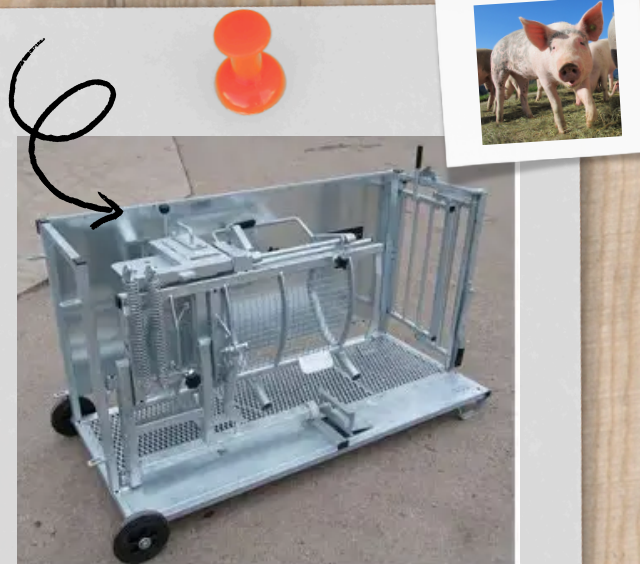
If you are booking a visit for your pet pig please be aware that there are some logistical factors to consider to enable your vet to examine and treat your pig

Restraint

Your pig will need to be restrain-able by yourself or help that you engage in a small enough space to facilitate safe and efficient examination. Your vet needs to be able to get hands on your pig to carry out a physical examination or be able to lift a foot up for lameness investigation. Good examples of suitable restraint include pig stocks, sheep turn crates or wedged between a gate and a wall. The pig should be able to walk into the area but not turn around or reverse out.

Preparation

Please have your pig penned before the vet arrives. The vet can ring ahead to give an eta so that you can be prepared. It is a good idea not to feed your pig before you attempt to catch them so that they are hungry and willing to enter the catch pen for food.



Sheep turn crate

Sedation

If your pig requires a procedure such as foot-trimming or tusk-trimming and you do not have suitable restraint then your pig can be sedated for this process. Sedation does not come without risks to the pig's life and should be discussed with your vet before undertaking.

Please also note that, for a number of reasons, sedation is not always successful on the first attempt and you may require another visit for a successful sedation. You are liable for the full cost of all sedation attempts. Please discuss a quote with us in advance before you proceed.

It is much safer for the pig, and more economical, to invest in suitable restraint facilities wherever possible rather than having to resort to sedation