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		Responsible Officer/s	Business Manager, Saleyards
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1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that suspect, lame, blind, distressed or obviously sick livestock shall not be accepted for sale through Mount Gambier and District Saleyards sale/auctions without appropriate inspection/approval by an appropriately qualified veterinarian.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all livestock presented for sale at a Mount Gambier and District Saleyards sale/auction.

3. Definitions

Auction – the process by which sale of livestock occurs at the Mount Gambier and District Saleyards.

Blind Livestock – livestock with Cancer Eye and/or demonstrating inability to see.

Bobby Calf – a calf not accompanied by its mother, less than 30 days old, weighing less than 80kg live weight and usually a dairy breed or dairy cross.

Bull – a male bovine with sexual organs intact and that is capable of reproduction.

Distressed Livestock – livestock which is clearly unwell and unfit for sale.

Humanely – in accordance with the Model Code of Practice for the Welfare of Animals.

Lambs – male and female lambs with no permanent teeth.

Lame stock – disabled in the feet or legs.

Livestock – may refer to Cattle, Bobby Calf, Cows, Bulls, Sheep, Lambs and Horses.

Mount Gambier & District Saleyards – the Saleyards facility owned and operated by the District Council of Grant.

Non-Weight Bearing – livestock is unable to move of its own accord.

Sale – the processing, for money, of the livestock presented for sale at the Mount Gambier and District Saleyards.

Sheep – a mature ovine that includes ewes, wethers, rams and hoggets.


Sick Livestock – livestock which is obviously unwell and distressed.

Suspect Livestock – any livestock which appears lame, non-weight bearing, blind, distressed or obviously sick.

4. Policy

Blind, non-weight bearing, distressed or obviously sick or injured animals will not be accepted at the Mount Gambier and District Saleyards under any circumstances.

If livestock is delivered in the above condition, the Business Manager, Saleyards, in consultation with the Agents responsible for the sale of the livestock, will ensure the removal of the livestock either back to the owner of the livestock, at the owners expense, or if required, the livestock will be humanely destroyed according to the Code of Practice for the Welfare of Animals.

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Should the responsible Agent not be available, photographic evidence of the condition of the livestock will be used to verify the need for the humane destruction of the livestock.

Where possible the destruction of the livestock, in an immediate period, shall be carried out humanely at the direction of the Business Manager, Saleyards.

Further, should Council staff be required to dispose of a blind, non-weight bearing, distressed or obviously sick or injured animal, a disposal fee as per Council's Schedule of Fees and Charges will apply to the disposal.

5. Responsibilities

The Business Manager, Saleyards is responsible for compliance with this policy.

6. References:

Federal Legislation

National Standard for the Operation of Australian Saleyards

Other

Mount Gambier and District Saleyards Agents Licence Agreement

7. Review

This Policy shall be reviewed by the District Council of Grant at minimum every four (4) years, within 12 months of a general election of Council (or on significant change to legislation or other matters which could affect this policy).

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