



Calf-Link

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Hypothermia can result in deaths in the worst case scenario, but it can also cause disease later on due to immune suppression. Here are some 1st aid tips for treating hypothermic calves after the snow of the weekend.



Treating hypothermic calves:

- * **Feed warm colostrum!!** Tubing a hypothermic calf with 3 - 4L of warm colostrum will go a long way towards warming it up.
- * **Shelter:** Bring calves into a draught free shed asap, and use straw or similar deep bedding to build up around, and insulate the calf.
- * Use a **heat lamp** if you have one, **calf covers** are also valuable.
- * **Intraperitoneal Dextrose:** 200mls Dextrose 40% for a 40kg calf - given in left paralumbar fossa (the triangle between the last rib, the short ribs and the hip bone), with a 16 by 1.5inch needle. This helps provide energy the calf can then use to generate heat.

