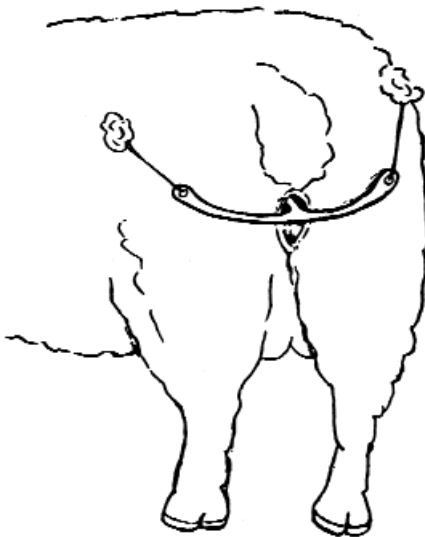




EWE PROLAPSE RETAINER JorVet #J-26E

Vaginal prolapse is an eversion of the vaginal wall in prelambling ewes. The prolapse will swell and the tissues dry out, leading to gangrene, infection, or fly strike. To minimize these problems, it is best to reduce the prolapse as quickly as possible.

The ewe should be haltered or restrained with no pressure exerted on the flank as this will increase the difficulty of reducing the prolapse. Urination is often compromised, and by lifting the prolapse gently upwards the bladder can empty and more space is allowed for replacement of the prolapse. The prolapse should be thoroughly cleaned with a mild antiseptic and lubricated with K-Y jelly or vaseline. Next, the prolapse is now pushed back gently and firmly. Once the prolapse is in place, the retainer is lubricated and gently inserted as close to the vulva lips as possible. The tear-drop shaped paddle will remain in place by vaginal muscles and by tying string forward to tufts of wool. It is best to disinfect the retainer with antiseptics or hot water before use. The retainer does not interfere with lambing and can be left in place for weeks if necessary. Antibiotics can be given if infection is possible.



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