

**RESOLUTION #4—2023  
Regular Winter Session**

Submitted by  
Board of Directors

**SUPERSEDE POLICY ON CASTRATION AND DEHORNING OF CATTLE**

**RESOLVED** that the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) House of Delegates adopt the policies on Bovine Disbudding and Dehorning and Bovine Castration as noted in [attachment 1](#) and [attachment 2](#), which will supersede the policy on Castration and Dehorning of Cattle in [attachment 3](#).

**Statement about the Resolution**

After review by the Animal Welfare Committee (AWC), it was determined that the practices of castration and dehorning require different animal care recommendations and therefore the policy should be divided into two separate policies. Furthermore, clarification was needed to emphasize the distinction between dehorning and disbudding. The AWC, in consultation with the American Association of Bovine Practitioners Animal Welfare Committee, developed the attached policies on Bovine Disbudding and Dehorning and Bovine Castration. In consideration of the differences between these procedures, the current policy will be superseded by these two policies.

**Financial Impact: None**

	<b>Board of Directors</b>	<b>House Advisory Committee</b>	<b>Reference Committee #3</b>	<b>House of Delegates</b>
<b>Recommend Approval</b>	X	X	X	X
<b>Recommend Disapproval</b>				
<b>Recommend Referral to...</b>				
<b>No Recommendation</b>				
<b>Recommend Postpone Indefinitely</b>				
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