

I have a present for you 😊



or maybe not.

Scrotal hernia has been in the pig industry in many years. We have tried to decrease the number of this in many ways. We have tried to see if it was the genetic, the floor where the piglets are born, the size of the new born piglets, our use of bedding for the piglets and the management. All these studies/trials have shown that we still have a problem. We still have between 0,5- 1,5 % of the piglets that show scrotal hernia. That means that we haven't decreased the numbers and maybe we must accept that we must live with that.

Why should we do something about this problem/ challenge?

Many studies show that some pigs develop huge scrotal hernia, that affects their productivity and that is not good business.

On the other hand, we also have an ethics problem, because people outside our industry don't like to see this kind of things and therefore it is important to do something about this problem, otherwise there can be some regulation for the industry that doesn't give any solution but only extra cost.

What can we do and what kind of advantage should this product have?

I would say: cheap, simple, can be used as soon as you see the scrotal hernia, everybody should have the skills to use it and of course; it should decrease the number of pigs with scrotal hernia and give these pigs more potential for productivity and more quality in life but at the same time, show that the industry is trying to do something.



So here is my idea:

Take a piece of stretchable fabric. Make 2 holes in one of the ends (for the back legs of the piglets). Make 1 elongated hole (where the tail and the anus must be) and a bigger hole in the front for the head. I have placed a ruler, so these sizes fit to a piglet around 5 days of age. Of course, different sizes of piglets demand different kinds of sizes of the stretchable fabric. If you have made the fabric too short, just cut the hole for the head bigger, so the stretchable fabric is less stretchable.

Why this "Present"?



I don't want to sound arrogant, but I believe that we all have a responsibility to share knowledge, but also "crooked" ideas. These ideas can maybe inspire other to use the potential/ challenge, that we have with scrotal hernia or maybe find solutions that can help us with this "challenge".

For me, it wouldn't be a business concept, because it is too simple (if it works) and therefore impossible to patent. I also know, that we maybe should use different kind of fabric together to make the right "pressure" to the scrotal hernia.

And maybe, this fabric might also save many of the piglets that we castrate by accident, because we haven't seen that the piglets had scrotal hernia.

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If you have any questions or want further detail, then contact me on email.

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