Guidelines for captive bolt euthanasia of cattle and calves.

1. An authorized personnel will make the decision to humanely euthanize the animal that is non-ambulatory.

2. Mark the animal’s head from horn or poll to the outside corner of opposite eye.

3. Load the captive bolt gun.

4. Place the muzzle of the captive bolt gun against the animal’s head at a 90° angle on the middle of the ‘X’.

5. Pull the trigger on the captive bolt gun.

6. Check the animal’s eye for a corneal reflex.

7. Wait five (5) minutes and recheck the eye for a corneal reflex. If the reflex is present, repeat steps 3-7.

If no corneal reflex is present, the euthanasia was successful. Record animal on Euthanasia Log Form.

8. Dispose of carcass as premise protocol directs.