

# DOWN COW PROTOCOL

If Wobbly on feet, give oral calcium supplement bottle (give **slowly** and ensure is **swallowing**). **Check** couple hours **later** and next day. Consider giving every 12 hours for couple of days. There are many different products, read the label instructions.



## If Down and unable to rise;

- Quickly check udder for evidence of mastitis (do not express milk) and quickly check for obvious injury/illness such as broken leg/dislocated hip as this will change the following treatment plan
- Make sure cow is sitting up, ideally on non-slip surface and not on concrete
- Give 1 bag of 37.5% calcium under the skin



- Give 1 bag of **mixed** calcium/magnesium solution **slowly** into vein



OR



OR



- Drench with 1L 'Starter Plus', give **slowly** and only if **swallowing**



- Try and get cow up in 10 minutes if treated in the vein or after 1 hour if treated under skin
- If cow is not up within 2 hours of treatment:
  - Call farm manager
  - Give anti-inflammatory medication such as ketofen
  - **Assist** cow to stand with hip lifters for a maximum of **15 minutes**. *Cows should **not** be hanging from hip lifters*
  - Ensure cow has food, water, +/- cow cover and ensure can stay upright on flat soft surface
  - Not sure? **CALL THE VET**