

CATTLE BOLUS APPLICATOR INSTRUCTIONS

1 Remove boluses from foil pack and ensure they are at room temperature (15-20 °C) before administering. Boluses are sensitive to sudden changes in temperature, such as may happen when very cold boluses are swallowed by the animal. Ensure boluses are at room temperature prior to administration, to avoid fine cracks developing which may change the activity of the bolus.

2 Cows and calves over 100kg require two boluses. Do not administer to calves weighing less than 100kg, or calves that are not ruminating.



3 Insert the boluse(es) completely into the applicator, until the push rod is engaged.

TOP TIP

To prevent the bolus falling out of the applicator, ensure the flat edge of the bolus is placed against the ridged edge in the applicator.

4 Place the bolus end of the applicator into the centre of the cow's mouth to the back of the tongue and squeeze the trigger. The bolus should release easily. If resistance is felt you will need to adjust the position of the gun until the bolus easily releases.

5 Ensure that the animal swallows the bolus. The swallow reflex should happen easily and the cow should have no trouble swallowing the bolus. If the reflex does not occur easily you may not be administering the bolus onto the very back of the tongue and you will need to adjust your technique to ensure that the positioning of the bolus is just right. The stem of the applicator should be straight down the centre line of the head and the trigger handle should be in the vertical plane.

6 Repeat the above process with the second bolus. Consult your animal health advisor prior to administering boluses.

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