



# Bainbridge

## Utilising the LG & SM Banders

- Open handle until it stops. All three prongs should be touching
- Install band by pushing one side of the band down one side of a prong
- Hold in place with finger
- Then continue same process in a circular motion until band is over all three prongs
- Push down as far as possible on all three sides
- Close handles
- Hold both arms to the castrator together to prevent them from releasing
- Slip the skin of the scrotal sac through the opening
- Then work each testicle through the opening of the band
- Sometimes you might be able to just slip the whole scrotum through with the testicles
- Release the handles
- Then with an upward and side motion, this will release the tool off the band
- You can practice this on a broom handle or chair leg. (Note: If a band has been opened once it cannot be reused)
- Check band to ensure it isn't twisted

### *A few tips for the castration process using LG and SM bander:*

1. Put the triangular stretched rubber as close to the testicles and as far below the belly as possible.
2. After releasing the band, inspect to make sure the band is placed correctly.
3. If swelling occurs below the rubber band, then re-band immediately.
4. Once castration has been performed on the larger animals including rams, the drop time for the scrotum to fall off is between 20 to 40 days. Some customers cut the scrotum off just below the band in about 7 to 14 days.
5. These tools should be used under supervision of a Veterinarian.

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### *My bands keep on breaking, why is this?*

- This may be a result of several factors. First check to see how old the latex bands are. If they are older than one season, and haven't been stored properly, this could be a cause.
- Secondly, if they haven't been stored properly, being left in the sun or outside with varying temperatures, this will cause the latex to deteriorate and result in breakage.
- Other causes may be from castrating in cold weather, and the bands are cold, which may cause them to break
- Be sure they are kept warm before use, such as a heating pad or some other way.
- Do not open or close bands before use
- Only use our respective bander tools to open the LG and SM bands
- Bainbridge bands **MUST** be used on Bainbridge bander tools