**Technique**

1. Administer sedation, analgesia and local anaesthetic.
2. Close the handles together.
3. Place the jaws of the dehorner over the horn bud. The objective is to completely remove a ring of skin surrounding the horn base. Therefore, adjust the opening as needed (Figure 7).
4. Press the gouger gently against the head. Maintain the pressure and quickly spread the handles apart to bring the blades together to remove skin and the horn bud.
5. Control bleeding by pulling the artery with forceps or using a hot iron to cauterize the artery.
6. Clean and disinfect the jaws of the gouger between calves.

**Advantages & Disadvantages**

* fast - takes a few seconds to perform
* useful after the horn bud attaches to the skull
* not bloodless
* risk of infection because of open wounds
* opens the frontal sinus in older calves
* avoid use during fly season
* unreliable when done incorrectly, leads to scurs
* requires expertise - anaesthesia, sedation, analgesia and technique
* requires control of bleeding - pulling arteries or cautery