**ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF DISBUDDING**

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| Advantages | Disadvantages |
| * Less Stressful compared to other procedures | * Painful without anesthesia |
| * Bloodless | * Scurs could grow following improper techniques |
| * Can be performed year-round | * Not permitted in some countries |
| * Horned cattle also pose a risk of injury to their herd mates aggressive interactions | * Operator skill is required in restraint and anesthesia to minimize risk of injury |
| * Disbudding, rather than dehorning, means the procedure is carried out in the young animal when restraint is simple and trauma minimized | * Disbudding is a permitted mutilation and potential welfare issue. |
|  | * Possibility animals can be blinded by cautery paste, when they have been allowed out in the rain soon after its application. |
|  | * Risk of chemical burns |