**Cosmetic Dehorning in Goats:**

Pre-op Care:

* Hold off feed for 36-48hrs and water for 12hrs prior to surgery
* Sedation (xylazine, butorphanol) can be used with local or regional anaesthesia (nerve block or ring block)

Post-op Care:

* Always administer tetanus antitoxin
* Administer banamine for 2-3 days to help control post op pain
* Remove sutures 2 weeks post op

Close incisions with cruciate suture pattern.

Remove excess bone rostrally along the frontal ridge. Remove bone fragments and blood clots and flush the sites with sterile saline.

Pull, twist or ligate the corneal artery to control haemorrhage

Remove the horn using a gigli wire or a small saw

Undermine the skin away from the base of each horn

Make an elliptical incision around the base of each horn

Clip a wide area around each horn and prepare the surgical site