Collection of semen: Electro ejaculation method for rams

Recommended Instructor to student ratio 1:<35

Objective
Collection of semen by use of an electro-ejaculator.

Alternatives to animal use for teaching
Video presentation, lectures.

Details of procedure
The ram is restrained in lateral recumbency. The penis is extruded from the prepuce and held with gauze so that the urethral process hangs freely in the mouth of an appropriate tube. The procedure as detailed in the instruction manual for the device being used should be followed. Where possible, devices where the stimulation can be introduced gradually should be used.

In most cases, rams will ejaculate after one stimulation and some gentle rectal massage with the probe. If the first series of stimulation is unsuccessful, only one more attempt may be made.

Drugs, chemicals or biological agents
Not required.

Impact of procedure on wellbeing of animals
No effect on the ram's health or fertility.

Reuse and repeated use
Only one demonstration per ram per day, up to 2 days in a 14 day period.

Care of animal(s) during/after the procedure
The procedure is usually well tolerated and rams will recover completely without adverse effects. Routine management can resume.

Pain relief measures
Not needed.

Qualifications, experience or training necessary to perform this procedure:
A sound knowledge of how to use the electro-ejaculator.

Relevant Links