

## SPP Course 2 – Husbandry and Handling Young Pigs

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Please circle one answer only e.g. **A**

- Which of the following is true of the environment into which a piglet is born?
  - It is sterile
  - It is highly contaminated
  - The temperature is stable
  - There is minimal competition
- Which of the following is a major hazard for the young piglet?
  - Sucking colostrum
  - Overheating
  - Fluid retention in the airways
  - Swinging by the back legs
- During the farrowing process:
  - Manual assistance is essential
  - Agitation of the sow speeds up the process
  - Piglets should be delivered at no more than 30min intervals
  - The sow should be given adrenalin injections
- The umbilical cord provides nutrients to the piglet from the placenta during pregnancy. Following birth the best course of action is:
  - To break the cord immediately and leave unclamped
  - To gently milk blood down the cord into the piglet, cut and clamp
  - To milk blood away from the piglet and back to the placenta before breaking the cord
  - To spray the base of the cord with iodine
- Colostrum is the sow's way of passing on immunity to the piglet. This is successfully achieved by:
  - A strong early suck
  - Being passed before the piglet is born
  - Ensuring that it does not occur too early after birth
  - Restricting the piglet's access
- To ensure an early suck of colostrum:
  - Ensure all piglets can find and suck on a teat
  - Play loud music to the sow
  - Remove piglets at birth
  - Use frozen colostrum defrosted in a microwave oven
- What reasons justify the clipping or grinding of needle teeth in the piglet?
  - To limit colostrum intake
  - Small litters
  - Experience of piglet facial damage when it is not performed
  - To improve the appearance of the piglet

8. Which of the following is true of teeth clipping of piglets?
- A. It should be done routinely to all piglets
  - B. Use the same clippers as those used for tail docking
  - C. It should not be performed until 3 days of age
  - D. It is a useful technique to prevent litter rejection and damage to litter mates
9. When handling a piglet for husbandry attention:
- A. Only ever lift by one back leg
  - B. Never hang a pig by a single leg
  - C. Lift it by the ears
  - D. Damage to the pig is unlikely
10. Umbilical hernias can be caused by:
- A. Vaccinating piglets
  - B. Lifting and suspending a heavy piglet by one back leg
  - C. Picking a piglet up under its chest/belly
  - D. Teeth clipping and tail docking