Cattle Handling



Where to get blood from cattle?



Jugular vein

Tail vein

What are common cattle blood tests?

* Blood Cell Count
* Blood smear
* Blood Chemistry
* Genetic testing (for breeding)
* Pregnancy testing
* Bovine Viral Diarrhea Virus testing
* Johne’s disease testing





Tips for cattle venipuncture

* Ensure that animal is restrained properly
* Determine blood draw site and clean with alcohol
* Palpate vein prior to inserting needle
* If multiple tubes, use vacutainer needle
* It takes force to get needle through cow skin
* Bigger animal = more blood = more mess

