**Procedure for dehorning the animal**

**Pre-surgical procedure**

Fast animal – no food 36-24 hours before surgery, no water 12 hours before surgery.

Properly restrain and sedate the animal using appropriate drugs. Local or regional block may also be employed, it can be implemented at this stage.



**Surgical Procedure:**

Clip hairs around the site for surgery and prepare area aseptically

Make elliptical incisions around the base of the horn

Undermine the skin around the horn, so that the horn can be removed using Gigli wire or a saw



Pull and ligate the cornual artery

Remove excess bone from around the frontal ridge rostrally

Wash any excess blood, clots and excess bone fragments away from site using sterile saline

Close the incisions with a cruciate suture pattern 

**Post-Surgical Procedure**

Keep head wrapped for a few days after the procedure.

Ensure animal is administered tetanus anti toxin

Ensure animal’s pain is treated properly with the use of appropriate drugs