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## **VVMA Position Statement**

### **Cattle Tail Docking**

**Adopted by the VVMA Executive Board June 22, 2011**

The VVMA opposes routine tail docking of cattle. Current scientific literature indicates that routine tail docking provides no benefit to the animal, and that tail docking can lead to distress during fly seasons. When medically necessary, amputation of tails must be performed by a licensed veterinarian.

Also endorsed by the AVMA and reaffirmed April 2009.

(This position statement replaces the cattle tail docking position statement adopted by the VVMA Executive Board on February 9, 2008.)