

# DAISY-LIFTER COWSLING

## Mark 2

X-Large



To safely and humanely lift sick or injured animals. Particularly useful for cases of post-calving paralysis or trauma. Available in Standard and Extra-large sizes. Extra-large size is recommended for very large dairy cows weighing over 700kg or so. (Extra-large sling is red colour.)



*Roll cow onto sling*



*Pull lift rings up to fit onto gambrels*



*Bring loader in to engage C-hooks*



*Adjust rear straps to balance cow*

# Lifting and Supporting Cows is easy with the Daisy-Lifter Mark 2

## Step 1 - Placing the Cow on the Sling

1. Place the sling on the ground next to the cow with the webbing side down. Ensure the brisket support area is to the front and the seat pad is to the rear. The rear straps have cam-lock adjustment buckles. The front straps do not.
2. Roll the cow over and on to her stomach in the centre of the sling. Make sure the front and rear straps are spread out well away from the sling for easy retrieval.  
(Tip:- It may be useful to work the sling under the cow using the lifting rings on the main sling, or alternatively the use of a hip clamp lifting device can assist in placing the main sling correctly).

## Step 2 - Connecting the Sling to the Lifting Machine

1. Attach the C-hooks to the mechanical loader or other lifting device - ensuring the lift points are no more than 70cm apart - to ensure a direct vertical lift is achieved. (Hooks placed wider apart place undue tension on the sling, and may cause it to rip.) The hooks must be placed over a round bar for lifting. Placing over a square or flat fork (as on a pallet-lifter) may spread the C-hook and cause it to fail.
2. Fit the gambrels onto the sling lift rings, and then manoeuvre the lift loader to engage the C-hooks onto the gambrels.
3. Draw the rear adjustable straps between the udder and legs. (These straps have soft slip-sleeves that should be adjusted to ensure the cow is comfortable and the straps will not chafe in the groin area). Position the seat pad just above the udder, and connect the straps' lift rings onto the gambrel hooks.
4. Draw the front straps between the front legs, **crossing the straps over above the neck** and then connecting the lift rings to the opposite side gambrel hook.

## Step 3 - Lifting the Cow

1. Before lifting the cow adjust the tension of the rear adjustable lifting straps to ensure an even and comfortable lift for the cow.
2. While lifting ensure the sling is pulled as far forward as possible to support the cow's weight evenly, and to ensure she is comfortable in the sling.
3. Adjust the rear straps to ensure the cow's weight is evenly spread between the lift straps, brisket support and main sling

**Note:** Do not leave the animal in the sling for an excessive time without attendance. Monitor the cow's movement so that the straps are comfortable and not injuring her in any way. Always consult with your veterinarian to ensure the cow's best welfare.

