



## **MAGAPOR'S TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT ADVISES: BOARS' BARNYARD**

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- Having quarantine, separated and distanced from the hog pens.
- Carrying out a blood analysis on the boars on their arrival, and another before putting them into the hog pens (PRRS, Aujeszky, Leptospirosis, Brucellosis, etc.)
- Housing the boars individually to prevent aggressions among them. This can mean a loss of ejaculations and presence of conformation problems.
- Allowing the boars to have physical (nasal) and visual contact between each other.
- Avoiding slippery ground in the extraction zone and parks of concrete (blind, grid or mixed) with or without bed (sawdust, straw, etc.).
- The boar must at least have a useable space of 6m<sup>2</sup>.
- Keeping the hog pens at an appropriate temperature (optimal 18-20°C) and atmosphere free of toxic gases such as CO, CO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>3</sub>, SH<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>4</sub>. In order to achieve this, the appropriate ventilation and slurry levels must be maintained.
- Regularly checking eating and drinking troughs, to make sure that the animals eat adequately and thus, detect any type of problem at an early stage. Make sure that the drinking troughs function correctly and that they can provide a specific volume of between 1.5 and 2 litres per minute.
- Providing, whenever possible, feed which is specifically for boars, with the appropriate levels of energy, protein, fibre, vitamins, amino acids, etc. If this were not the case, it would be advisable to provide a maternity or rebreeding feed for growing boars, and gestation feed for adult boars.

- It may be advisable to use nutritional supplements, for example, once a month, or in periods in which seminal quality is most affected, to thus avoid the appearance of deficiency and accelerate its recuperation.
- It is advisable to clean the collection place every day at the end of each working day, and carry out cleaning and disinfection at the end of the week. In the case of the hog pens, it is recommended that cleaning and disinfection be carried out at least every 15 days, or when the type of bed used (straw, sawdust, etc.) so requires.

Having each of the boars perfectly identified and having a procedure and calendar for treatments, deparasitizations and vaccinations.



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