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### Description

#### What Is Vaginal Prolapse?

Vaginal prolapse is a condition in which part of a cow's vaginal tissue protrudes outside the vulva, usually appearing as a swollen, reddish-pink mass. This often occurs **during the last trimester of pregnancy**, especially as calving approaches. Although it may look alarming, with timely treatment and proper care, many cows can recover and carry their pregnancy to term.

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#### • Is It Harmful?

Yes, it can be harmful if **left untreated**:

- The exposed tissue is vulnerable to **injury, drying, and infection**.
  - It can cause **discomfort, difficulty urinating, and complications during calving**.
  - In severe or repeated cases, it may lead to **miscarriage** or threaten the life of the cow.
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## How Common Is It?

- It's **relatively common** in **heavily pregnant cows and heifers**.
  - Frequency varies by breed, genetics, nutrition, and management.
  - Some herds may hardly see it, while others may experience multiple cases in a season especially if genetic susceptibility is present.
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## How Is It Treated?

1. **Veterinary intervention is critical.** The vet will:
    - Clean the exposed tissue with antiseptic
    - Gently reposition it
    - Stitch the vulva using methods like the **Barnier suture** to prevent recurrence
  2. **Care after treatment:**
    - Keep the area clean and dry
    - Provide soft, digestible feed to prevent straining
    - Monitor the cow daily
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## How to Prevent It

While you can't always prevent prolapse, the risk can be reduced:

- **Avoid overfeeding** in late pregnancy
  - Feed **high-fiber diets** to prevent constipation and bloating
  - Provide **flat, comfortable resting areas**
  - **Cull cows** with repeated prolapse cases as it may be hereditary
  - Watch for early signs and call the vet immediately
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## Summary

Vaginal prolapse in cattle is a **serious but manageable** condition. Early detection, proper treatment, and good management practices can ensure the cow recovers and gives birth safely. However, repeated prolapse is a red flag, and such animals are often removed from the breeding program to protect the herd's future health.

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## 🐮 VAGINAL PROLAPSE IN COWS 🐮 WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

This condition happens when part of a cow's vaginal tissue pushes out, mostly during late pregnancy.

### 🐮, **Is it serious?**

Yes. If untreated, it can get infected, cause discomfort, or lead to miscarriage.

### 🐮, **What causes it?**

- 🐮 Late pregnancy hormones
- 🐮 Overfeeding (too much fat)
- 🐮 Straining from constipation
- 🐮 Genetics

### 🐮, **Treatment:**

A vet will clean, reposition, and stitch it up to prevent it from coming out again.

### 🐮, **Prevention tips:**

- 🐮 Avoid overfeeding
- 🐮 Give high-fiber feed
- 🐮 Keep lying areas flat
- 🐮 Cull cows that prolapse often

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🐮📌 **Early action = safe delivery.** Always call a vet immediately when you notice signs.

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