

VF Collaring

Tips for Efficiency

Assembly & Battery Replacement

Minimum 1 person

- Unscrew the cover & remove the old battery
- Connect the new battery to the white plastic connectors
- Screw the battery cover into place
- Write the last 4 digits of the collar ID on both sides of the collar



Work in batches & complete one step at a time

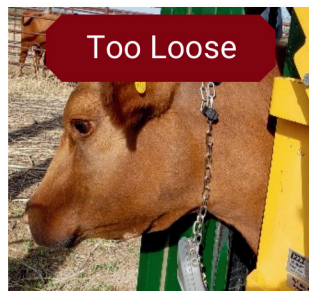
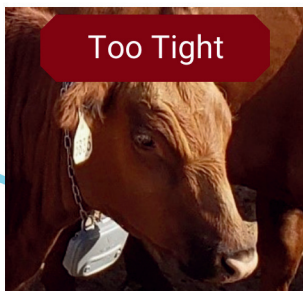
Sizing & Attachment

Minimum 2 person

- Pull the metal chain through the plastic bridge to adjust the size
- Confirm an equal number of chain links on either side
- Add slack in the collar (~2 inches) to ensure proper fit
- Test the fit by trying to slide the chain over both ears. A collar is sized properly if it fits over one ear but not both ears.
- Use 2 heavy duty zip-ties or 1 shipping container tag on each side of the collar to secure the collar around the animal's neck



Avoid leaning over the animal's head in case it jerks its head upwards



Data Collection

Minimum 1 person

- Use a smartphone app, pencil/paper or in the notes of the EID reader
- Record the last 4 digits of the collar id & the corresponding cattle ear tag
- Collect animal data (body condition score, pregnancy status, weight)

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