**Reasons for Using the Caudal Epidural Nerve Block**

* Anaesthetises the vulva, vagina, perineum
* It provides excellent perineal analgesia and muscle relaxation, minimal cardiovascular and respiratory effects, and rapid recovery
* Reduces stress associated with procedures involving the vulva, vagina or perineum.
* Used for conditions such as
* vaginal or uterine prolapse
* painful conditions of the vagina
* removal of dead fetuses
* For relief of pain associated with the posterior reproductive tract. For vaginal, uterine and rectal prolapses.
* Controls the pain while and after dead lambs are removed; care must be taken to ensure the operator does not damage the ewe while removing the lambs
* For prolapses the procedure allows replacement without straining, relieves pain and allows easy stitching of the desensitised vulva
* For vaginitis this technique controls the symptoms and prevents straining and the risk of prolapse, while the cause of the vaginitis is identified and treated
* For amputation of the tail if this is required for therapeutic reasons
* For urethrostomy or amputation of the penis associated with urethral obstruction