

NEONATAL RESUSCITATION IN CAMELIDS



- Before you begin to assist a mother with the delivery of her cria, be sure to have a sterile 20 or 18 gauge needle handy.
- If you deliver the cria and it is not breathing, insert the needle immediately at the position shown above; the correct insertion site on the newborn cria is on the midpoint of a line connecting the bottom of the nostrils.
- You must forcibly tap the bone with the tip of the needle – if you do not feel bone with the needle, redirect your insertion angle or continue deeper. Bone will be approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch deep to the skin surface.
- Act as though you are trying to wake the cria with your tapping – you are!!
- If you tap for 5 minutes and the cria does not breathe and you see no visible heartbeat on the chest, the respiratory centers of the cria's brainstem are damaged beyond reasonable help.

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