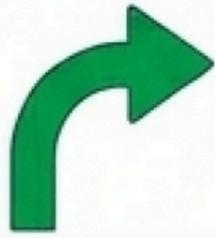


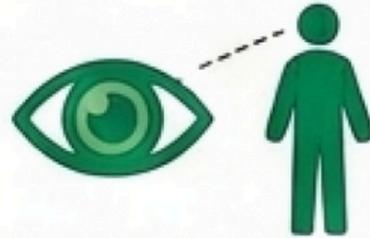
# LOW STRESS STOCKHANDLING

## Principals & Instincts for Better Animal Flow

### CORE PRINCIPLES



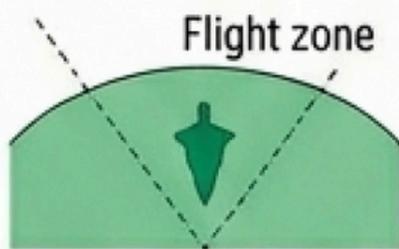
Let—don't force—animals go where they want.



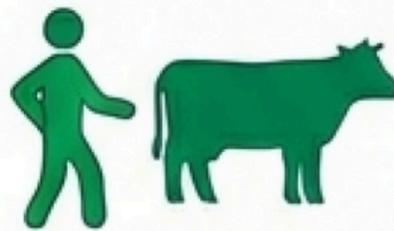
Animals must see what is pressuring them.



Excessive noise distracts and annoys animals.



Work the edge of the flight zone.



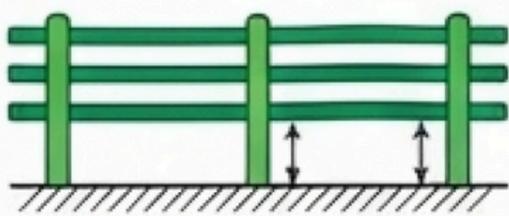
Apply pressure from the side, not behind.



Steady pressure creates steady flow.

### YARD DESIGN TIPS

#### SAFETY



**Escape Routes:** Ensure clear personnel escapes.

**Clearance:** Bottom rails 300mm+ off ground.

**Surface:** Non-slip flooring in high-force areas.

#### FLOW

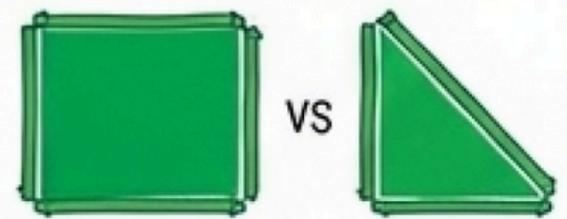


**No Funnels:** Avoid long "V" shapes; they jam.

**Drafting:** Race drafts are safer than crush drafts.

**Visibility:** Animals flow better toward light/open space.

#### SHAPE & SIZE



**Shapes:** Build rectangles, avoid acute triangles.

**Capacity:** Yards should empty in 2 cuts max.

**Sides:** Parallel sides usually flow better.