



Influence of dystocia on lamb mortality and postpartal ewe health compared to uneventful vaginal delivery and planned caesarean section

Einfluss von Geburtsstörungen auf Lämmersterblichkeit und postpartale Gesundheit des Muttertieres im Vergleich zu Normalgeburten und geplantem Kaiserschnitt

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TABLE 2: Causes of dystocia in assisted vaginal deliveries between January 2009 and June 2023 in a flock of Bavarian Alpine sheep.

Cause	Number cases	Proportion of dystocia cases (n=75)	Proportion of all vaginal deliveries (n=358)
Foetal maldisposition	45	60%	12.6%
Large lambs	14	18.7%	3.9%
Simultaneous presentation of more than one lamb	4	5.3%	1.1%
Uterine inertia / delayed parturition	5	6.7%	1.4%
Foetomaternal disproportion (vaginal)	2	2.7%	0.6%
Insufficient cervical dilatation	2	2.7%	0.6%
Details insufficiently recorded	3	4%	0.8%
Total	75	100%	20.9%