AiReady™ FAQs

- How does AiReady™ work?
  The silver coating on the AiReady™ patches is rubbed off the cow during bulling behaviour by other cows. As bulling behaviour increases, more silver is rubbed off and this helps to distinguish between true standing heat and false mounting/

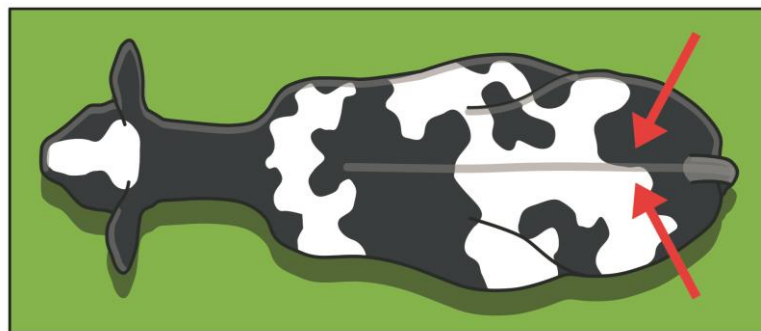- When do I need to apply the patches?
  AiReady™ patches should be applied 25 days after calving in order to detect the first oestrus cycle.

- Where should I put my AiReady™ patches?
  AiReady™ patches should be applied crossways, well forward of the rump and just behind the hips and tail head as this is where most pressure will be applied by the mounting cow – see picture below:

- How do I prepare the surface?
  Remove dust and lose hair with the tack cloth supplied. For moulting cows or for heavily soiled surfaces we would recommend using a curry comb before using the tack cloth. Make sure that you do not brush too hard as this will disturb the natural oils in the coat and will reduce adhesion. The surface must be dry, so do not try and stick AiReady™ patches onto wet cows or in wet conditions. Spare tack cloths are available (AR/001). Press down firmly with the whole hand over the patch, using a slight forwards and backwards movement to create a strong bond between the detector and the animal.

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- Is the ambient temperature important?
  In order to maximise adhesion the patches need to be warmed to at least body temperature before application. The patches should not be applied during wet conditions, or when the cow is wet.

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- Why are several colours available?
  We offer a range of colours to suit the needs of our customers so that AiReady™ can be used to highlight progressive bulling as part of a complete fertility management program. The colours available are: Red, Yellow, Magenta and Green. Examples of colour use could include using different colours to highlight cows that have never been served, or identify and differentiate between either problem cows, those which have had veterinary treatment for fertility, or 3 week returns.

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- My question has not been covered – how can I get more information?

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