

## Healthy calves



### How much space does a calf need?

- Minimum space allowance: 1.5 m²/calf space:
- Recommended space
  allowance: 2-2.3 m²/
  calf

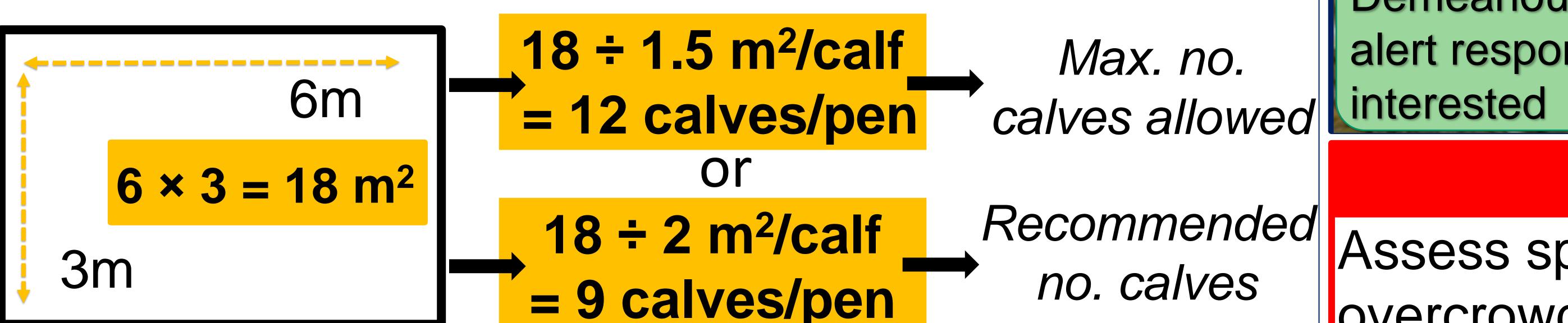
# Advantages of increased space:

- Improved health scores
- Higher growth rates
- Aids more natural behaviour

#### How to measure your calf pen

#### Pen size:

- 1) Measure length & width of pen, multiply for area (m²)
- 2) Divide by space allowance allocated per calf



#### Signs of a healthy calf Ears - upright, alert Faecal Eyes – no cleanliness - dry discharge Hydration — full, pinch test, shiny coat Nose – no discharge Naval - not swollen Demeanour - bright, Lungs -Mobility – stands alert responsive, no cough unassisted, active

#### Take home messages

Assess space available for calves, avoid overcrowding of pens, check calf health signs