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# **RALLY R<sup>O</sup>TER**

Enrichment for growing pigs and sows in pen gestation

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The **Rally Rooter** or “Düsser Wühlturn” (as it was called by its German engineers) is an enrichment device for pigs of all ages that can be placed inside large pens of finishers or sows. The animals are able to rally around and play with the loosely supported tube so as to root out forage particles placed inside the tube container. This enables them to carry out natural behavior, which in turn helps to reduce boredom and distract from unnatural behavior patterns such as tail biting or unwanted aggression.



Two finisher groups share Rooter in pen partition.



Rooter for sows in pen gestation with ESF.

## Benefits

- Provides continuous enrichment to occupy bored pigs
- Allows animals to simulate natural behavior and satisfy their drive to root
- Trials show that the Rooter distracts from unwanted behavior against fellow pen mates:
  - Preventing tail biting
  - Reducing aggression among sows in pen gestation
- Adds nutritional fiber to sow diet

## Features

- Long or short fiber rooting materials such as straw, hay, or other forage can be used and alternated to maintain novelty.
- The gap between tube and base plate can easily be adjusted to the forage type and quantity to be released
- The base plate allows rooting on a clean surface and minimizes wastage
- Non-consumed rooting material is minimal so there is no negative effect on the slurry system
- Trials show that the Rooter does not lose its appeal during a finishing or gestation period
- Normal consumption of straw per day is 1-2 ounces/pig
- Use on solid or fully-slatted floors
- Height: 51.5", Width: 19.5", Base plate: 26 x 22.5 x 1.9"



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