

Cropping Kit

Description

A specialized veterinary instrument set used for ear cropping procedures, designed to offer precision, symmetry, and control. The kit enables veterinarians to perform cosmetic otoplasty safely and efficiently, typically under anaesthesia. Tools include clamps, scalpel blades, scissors, and forceps—organized in a sterilizable pouch or tray.

Specifications

- **Components Included:**
 - Breed-specific cropping clamp
 - Scalpel handle (commonly #4)
 - Surgical blades (e.g., No. 20)
 - Dressing forceps (~12.5 cm)
 - Operating scissors (~14 cm)
 - Instrument pouch or protective case
- **Material:**
 - Surgical-grade stainless steel – rust-resistant and autoclavable
- **Size:**
 - Instruments vary between 12 cm to 18 cm in length depending on function

Types & Variants

- Pitbull-specific cropping kits
- Great Dane ear cropping kits
- Miniature Schnauzer variants
- Universal sets with multiple clamp size

Usage

- Used by veterinarians to crop dog ears for cosmetic purposes, particularly in breeds where pointed ears are a standard
- The clamp guides ensure symmetry and help reduce bleeding during the cut

Advantages

- Allows precision and uniformity
- Easy handling with breed-specific support
- Reusable, autoclavable instruments
- Safe design reduces tissue trauma

Disadvantages

- Procedure is cosmetic and controversial
- Banned or restricted in many regions
- Must be performed under full anaesthesia by trained professionals

Precautions

- Confirm legal status in your country or state
- Ensure the animal is sedated and monitored
- Use sterilized instruments only
- Apply antiseptic and follow post-op care protocols strictly

Handling Instructions

- Clean thoroughly after each use with surgical detergent
- Dry and inspect for any damage
- Store in a sterile, padded kit to protect sharp components

Sterilization Details

- **Recommended:** Steam autoclaving at 121–134°C for 15–30 mins
- **Alternate:** Cold chemical sterilization if autoclaving is unavailable

HSN & HS Code

- **HSN Code (India):** 9018.90.29
- **HS Code (Global):** 9018.90.29
Covers other veterinary surgical instruments not separately specified

Human Application:

- **✗ Not applicable** – strictly veterinary use only.

Veterinary Application:

- Cosmetic ear cropping in dogs like Doberman, Pitbull, Great Dane, Schnauzer, etc.
- Helps achieve breed-standard shape with minimal variation

? Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the correct HSN / HS Code for a Cropping Kit?

It is **9018.90.29**, used for surgical instruments in veterinary medicine.

2. Can the cropping instruments be autoclaved?

Yes! All instruments in the kit are stainless steel and fully autoclavable.

3. What tools are usually included in a cropping kit?

Cropping clamp, scalpel handle + blades, forceps, scissors, and a storage pouch.

4. Is ear cropping legal everywhere?

No. It's banned or restricted in many countries due to animal welfare concerns. Always check local laws.

5. What's the purpose of using a cropping clamp?

The clamp ensures symmetrical and controlled incisions, minimizing complications and enhancing cosmetic outcomes.

