Recording Aborted and Stillborn Calves

There are situations where you will want to record calves in HerdMASTER but not actually give them a tag as they died before birth. HerdMASTER allows users to do this by automatically assigning them with a dummy tag. The settings for the dummy tag are located in the Site Options.

To record a stillborn or dead calf you will need to choose 0 (Zero) as the number in birth on the add calf screen.

You need to have Auto-create Dead Calves… checked in order to record a dead calf using Add Calf.

Here you can assign the prefix that HerdMASTER allocates to dead calves when adding them.

To record a stillborn or dead calf you will need to choose 0 (Zero) as the number in birth on the add calf screen.
The fate information screen will then be displayed. Choose the Fate Date (If it’s not the same as the Calving Date) and a Fate for the calf. Here you can also see the tag HerdMASTER is going to assign the dead calf.

Once you click OK the new animal will be created. It will be inactive and off-site.

To record an animal that died shortly after birth you can either choose to record as above or you can assign it a tag yourself and fate it using the animal details screen.