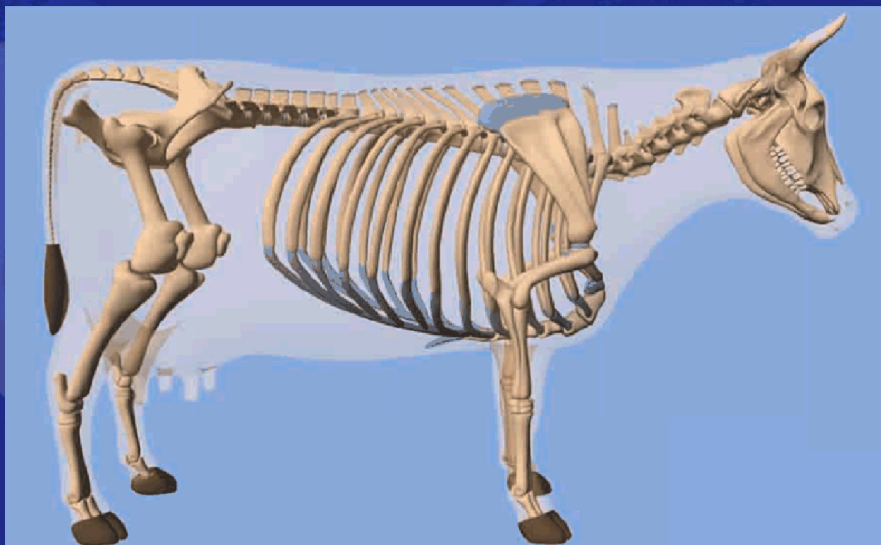


Examination of the Musculoskeletal System

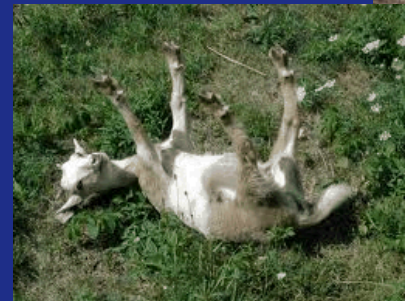


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Examination from Afar: Musculoskeletal System

- **Information collected during an examination from a distance**
 - General body condition
 - Posture
 - Distribution of weight
 - Lameness
 - Muscular atrophy
 - Musculoskeletal swelling
 - Joints
 - Skeletal
 - Soft tissue
 - Open wounds
 - Condition of hooves





Collecting a Meaningful History: Musculoskeletal System

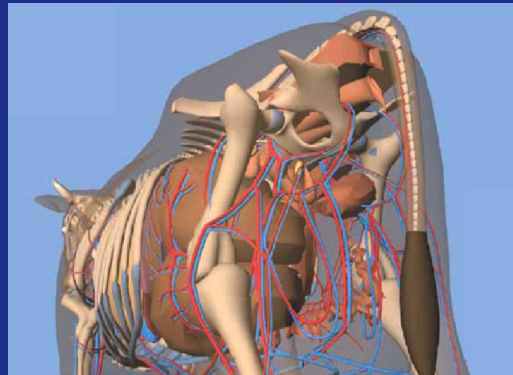
- **Historical information related to the evaluation of the musculoskeletal system**
 - Duration of illness
 - Injury
 - Respiratory disease
 - Calving/lambing history
 - Water consumption
 - Food consumption
 - Feces consistency
 - Previous treatments
- **Historical information related to the herd**
 - Other animals affected
 - Duration of signs
 - Similarity of signs
 - Deaths associated with the illness
 - Changes in food and/or water
 - New additions to the herd





Examination: Musculoskeletal System

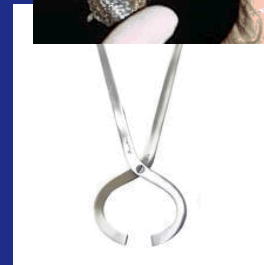
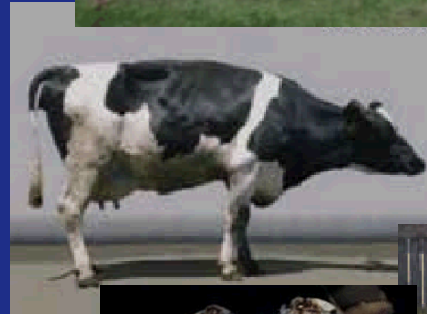
- **Visual examination and palpation: skeleton and surrounding soft tissue structures**
 - Head and neck
 - Forelimbs
 - **Boney structures**
 - Swelling
 - Crepitus
 - **Soft tissue**
 - Swelling
 - Atrophy
 - **Joints**
 - Heat
 - Pain
 - Swelling
 - Crepitus
 - Hindlimbs
 - **Boney structures**
 - **Soft tissue**
 - **Joints**
 - Pelvis
 - **Rectal examination**





Examination: Lameness Exam

- **Evaluation of the animal's gait**
 - Determination of affected limb
- **Determination of affected area**
 - Bone
 - Muscular
 - Joints
- **Hoof evaluation**
 - Hoof testers
 - Examination of the sole
 - **Paring sole**
 - Interdigital space





Interpretation of Results: Musculoskeletal System

- **Abnormal findings: Musculoskeletal System**



Ancillary Tests: Musculoskeletal System

- Radiography
- Ultrasound examination – soft tissue injuries
- Joint fluid evaluation
- Microbiology
- Hematology