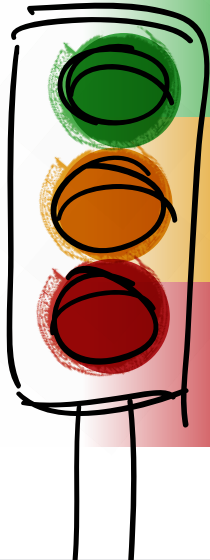


LAMENESS INTERVENTION GUIDE

FREE STALL



- **• No signs of lameness
CAN WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT ROUTINE HOOF TRIMMING**
- **• Sign(s) of lameness, but stands on all four feet
• Walks without stimulation
TAKE A CLOSER LOOK WITHIN 2 WEEKS – MAXIMUM**
- **• Reluctance to bear weight on a foot and/or
• Foot swelling and/or
• Refusal to walk with stimulation
TO BE EXAMINED BY THE VETERINARIAN WITHIN 48 HOURS – MAXIMUM**

SIGNS OF LAMELESS IN FREE STALL HOUSING

BEHAVIOURAL INDICATOR	NO LAMENESS	LAMENESS
Head swinging	Equal and gradual, up and down movement of the head while walking.	Jerky or exaggerated up and down movements of the head while walking. This behavior is evident when the foot is in contact with the ground.
Asymmetrical gait	Equal and regular movement when placing the feet (« 1, 2, 3, 4 »).	Limb placement is not equal on both sides of the body; the cow places her feet on the ground using an uneven rhythm. (« 1,2.3, 4 »)
Limping	The weight is equally distributed among the 4 feet.	The animal walks with an uneven, irregular gait; jerky, or stiff like she is protecting a leg.

LAMENESS EVALUATION FORM – FREE STALL HOUSING

	SIGNS OF LAMENESS				CODES		
	Cow #	Head swinging (up and down and jerky)	Asymmetrical gait (walks with uneven pace)	Limping (stiff walk and bears little weight on one foot)			
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