

BEHAVIOR AND ATTITUDE

HEALTHY CALF



Sternal, with or without legs stretched out, head held away from body

SICK CALF



Lateral with all legs stretched out OR sternal with all legs and the head held tight against the body

Lies down LESS THAN 1 M from another calf

Lies down **MORE THAN 1 M** from another calf



ISOLATION



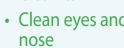
Back straight, head at shoulder height or higher.

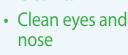


Arched back, head lower than shoulder height, or both.









• Eats and drinks

well

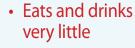
Clean tail

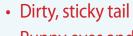


- Breathing well
- Stretches after getting up

- Active and curious, playful
- Gets up when approached or encouraged
- Smooth and shiny coat
- Full rumen (left)







· Runny eyes and nose



- Cough
- Slow, apathetic

- Doesn't stretch after getting up
- Gets up only after several tries or doesn't get up
- Dull, messy coat
- Empty rumen (left)



Partially adapted from:

- Shelter medicine, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Cramer et al., 2016 Journal of Dairy Science 99:7434-7443
- Hulsen, 2016, Young Stock signals