







Six common causes of lameness in sheep

| LESION | PHOTOGRAPH | DESCRIPTION |
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| SCALD (Interdigital dermatitis) |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red, wet interdigital space • May be white/grey pasty scum • Loss of hair in interdigital space |
| FOOTROT |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separation of horn from the underlying live tissue • Starts between claws • Foul smelling greyish oozing pus |
| CODD (Contagious ovine digital dermatitis) |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss of hair above coronary band (hair line) • Separation of horn from coronary band • Blood with some grey scum, no significant smell • May be complete detachment of hoof horn |
| SHELLEY HOOF (White line degeneration) |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some separation of horn from the wall • A pocket impacted with soil • Half-moon appearance |
| FOOT ABSCESS |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheep is very lame • Swelling of skin or pus oozing above coronary band • Hoof horn normal but hot • Separation of white line or penetration with stone/thorn may be visible |
| TOE GRANULOMA |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strawberry-like growth at the toe • Sometimes hidden under overgrown horn • Bleeds when handled |