







# Six common causes of lameness in sheep

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