



# Animal Working Group Newsletter

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## Lameness

- Lameness is defined as abnormal gait.
- It indicates a structural or functional disorder
- It can vary from weight-bearing and partial weight-bearing to non-weight-bearing
- Can primarily originate within the skeletal system
- If not the skeletal system, the evaluation must include the muscular, neurologic, and internal systems
- Internal organs can be seen as a "referred pain" type of mechanism

## Causes of Lameness

- Congenital disorders such as spina bifida or chondrodysplasia
- Degenerative disorders such as degenerative joint disease
- Developmental disorders such as osteochondrosis or hip dysplasia
- Genetic disorders such as periarticular calcinosis
- Infectious diseases such as cellulitis or polymyositis



## Member Involvement

The Animal Working Group is currently working on getting established to help educate and provide resources for our members. If you are interested in learning or have a passion for animals, please reach out to Linda Hoffman at [ceconvention@pennchiro.org](mailto:ceconvention@pennchiro.org) or Dr. Gray at [drgraydc@gmail.com](mailto:drgraydc@gmail.com) for more information!

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