

Lameness can be defined as abnormal gait or stance and can be a result of disease of the musculoskeletal system or nervous system. Lameness itself is not a disease but a clinical sign or physical manifestation of another underlying condition.

Causes of lameness can include;

Hoof injury

Hoof infections

Degenerative disease

Navicular syndrome (and Heel Pain)

Tendon and Ligament injuries

Some circulatory diseases

Some metabolic Diseases

Disorders of the nervous system

Fractures or breaks in bones in the limb

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