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| Proximal Paravertebral Anaesthetic Technique | | Distal Paravertebral Anaesthetic Technique | |
| Advantages | Disadvantages | Advantages | Disadvantages |
| Anaesthesia of skin, muscles, and peritoneum. Wide and uniform area. | Procedure difficult in fat animals | Lack of scoliosis | Larger volume of anaesthetic |
| Large quantities of local anaesthetic not required | Arching of spine due to paralysis of back muscle | Minimizes risk of penetrating a major blood vessel | Variation in efficacy |
| No additional restraint necessary | No anaesthesia of abdominal viscera |  |  |

Table shows the advantages and disadvantages of using one anaesthetic technique over the other.