How do I figure out what is making my cows lame?

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There is only one answer to this question

No one ever wants

to hear it!

Pick up the foot!!



Foot Rot

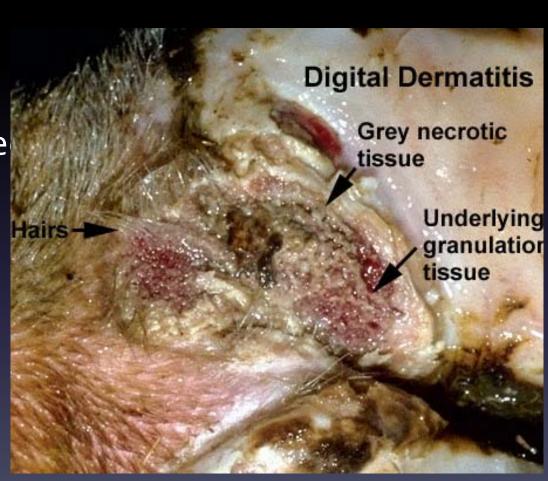
- Lesion of the skin between the toes
- Foul smell, yellow green necrosis
- Symmetrical swelling



Hairy Heel Wart

Typically between he bulbs

- Eroded area
- Extremely painful



Abscess

- One claw is hot
- Reacts to pressure
- Typically a lesion in the white line
- Needs to be dug out and debrided



Sole Ulcer

- Lameness variable
- Responds to pressure on central sole
- Trimming reveals hole in the sole



Deep Sepsis

- Unilateral swelling
- Extreme lameness
- Prognosis poor
- Avoid at all costs

