INDICATIONS FOR CLAW AMPUTATION

* Traumatic hoof injuries
* Severe penetrations of the sole
* Sepsis and septic arthritis of the distal interphalangeal joint
* Septic tenosynovitis of the deep flexor tendon
* Osteomyelitis of the third phalanx
* In bovine, severe footrot complicated by osteomyelitis and unresponsive to antibiotic treatment
* Abscessation with distal interphalangeal joint osteoarthritis
* Severe phalangeal fractures or phalangeal joint dislocations
* Deep pedal infections in cattle
* Where one claw is severely infected with infection penetrating the deeper structures of the foot such as the flexor tendon, navicular bursa, navicular bone, pedal bone.
* Septic pedal infections in sheep
* Chronic Septic Arthritis of the DIP joint; some cases of vertical wall cracks with exuberant granulation tissue formation; severe trauma such as partial exungulation; toe, axial wall or white line lesions associated with recurring exuberant granulation tissue formation.