THE FOLLOWING REFERS TO LEFT PARALUMBA APPROACH

1. First evaluated? - rumen (if a DA this is where it will be, palpate for adhesions)

2. When you proceed cranial along the ribcage locate the caudal border of the spleen

3. For the left paralumbar fossa approach, proceed cranial from the ventral aspect of spleen to the cranial abdomen, against the diaphragm (near the pericardium, feel for heartbeat and reticulum)

4. For the left paralumbar fossa approach, go over the caudal sac of the rumen into the central compartment where the left kidney is located (12 cm cr and 12 cm from the dorsum)

5. For the left paralumbar fossa approach, with the palm directed ventrally in the central compartment until you find omasum (feels like a soccer ball)

6. From the left kidney proceed in a slightly caudal direction to locate the caudal border of the omental curtain. Proceed behind the omental curtain into the right lateral com partment to find duodenum (flaccid, 2-3 cm in diameter and horizontal)