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| **Advantages** | **Disadvantages** |
| * Often a salvage procedure in severe and otherwise unresponsive flexural deformities, although can aid development into sound riding horses in some cases. * Simple procedure. * The mid-metacarpal approach avoids invasion of the tendon sheath. * The distal approach results in an increased level of release of the tendon. | * Often just a salvage procedure. * Causes high levels of post-operative pain which requires prolonged analgesia to control. * Variable response. * May result in overextension, subluxation of distal interphalangeal joint. * Poor cosmetic result. |