Most nerves below the carpus or hock are anesthetized using a 25-gauge, 5/8-in. (1.59-cm) needle. A 1½-in. (3.8-cm), larger-gauge needle (eg, 22- or 20-gauge) is used to anesthetize nerves located more proximally on the limb.

**Nerve Blocks.**

* Palmar/Plantar Digital Nerve Block. = 25 gauge, 5/8” (1.6 cm); 1.5 ml per site.
* Abaxial (aka - Basal) Sesamoid Nerve Block = 25 gauge, 5/8” (1.6 cm); 2- 2.5 ml per site.
* Low Palmar/Plantar Nerve Block = 25 gauge, 5/8” (1.6 cm); 3 ml per palmar nerve site, 1 ml per palmar metacarpal nerve site.
* High Palmar Nerve Block = 25 gauge, 5/8” (1.6 cm); 3 ml per site.
* Lateral Palmar Nerve Block = 25 gauge, 5/8” (1.5 cm); 2 ml
* High Plantar Nerve Block= 22 gauge, 1.5” (3.8 cm); 3 ml per site.
* Six point nerve block= 22 gauge, 11”, 3mls per site.
* Proximal metacarpal/metatarsal= 22 gauge, 1.5”, 2-3 mls.
* Median & ulnar nerve block: 22 gauge, 1.5”, 10 mls
* Peroneal & tibial nerve block: 22 gauge, 1.5”, 10-20 mls

**Joint Blocks.**

* Coffin Joint Block= 20 gauge, 1.5” needle, 6ml into the joint.
* Fetlock Joint Block= 20 gauge, 1” needle, 6-10ml, at one of three sites (proximal palmar pouch, dorsal approach into the depression of the common digital extensor tendon, and the lateral collateral sesamoid ligament)
* Carpus joint block: 20 gauge, 1.5” needle, 7-10 mls.
* Tibial-Tarsal Joint block: 20 gauge, 1.5” needle, 10-20 ml into the joint.
* Distal intertarsal &tarsometatarsal joint block: 22 gauge, 1” needle, 3-5 mls.
* Stifle joint block: 18 gauge, 1.5” needle, >20 mls.
* Digital Flexor Tendon Sheath Block= 20g 1”, needle 6-10ml at one of three sites (proximal annular ligament, mid pastern, base of proximal sesamoid bone)