

Grade	Description of Lameness
• 0	Lameness is not perceptible under any circumstances.
• 1	Lameness is difficult to observe; not consistently apparent regardless of circumstances (i.e., weight carrying, circling, inclines, hard surface, etc.).
• 2	Lameness is difficult to observe at a walk or in trotting a straight line; consistently apparent under certain circumstances (i.e., weight carrying, circling, inclines, hard surface, etc.).
• 3	Lameness is consistently observable at a trot under all circumstances.
• 4	Obvious lameness: marked nodding, hitching, or shortened stride.
• 5	Minimal weight-bearing in motion and/or at rest; inability to move.