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| Right flank exploratory:  |
| #Layers include:Skin↓Subcutaneous fat ↓External abdominal oblique↓Internal abdominal oblique↓Trans-versus↓Peritoneum# Best access to most structures from the **right para-lumbar fossa** [Any age ruminant].#Best access to most of abomasum from **right para-median approach** |

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| Left flank exploratory:  |
| Skin incision in the left paralumbar fossa:-20-25cm dorso-ventral skin incision-8cm caudal and parallel to last rib-8cm ventral to the transverse processes of the lumbar vertebrae-Appendicularly limited (Short armed people) require incision to be as cranial enough to be able to do full reticular exploratoryLeft flank exploratory prior to rumenotomy:-Dorso-ventral rumen sacs-Palpate reticulum for adhesions or abscesses \*Cranial abdominal adhesions usually indicative of hardware disease\*Ventral abdominal adhesions usually indicative of perforating abomasal ulcers. |

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| Laparotomy Closure: |
| \*2 layer muscle closure using #3 chromic gut - Perineum and transverse abdominus - Internal and external abdominal oblique muscles\*Skin routinely closed with Ford Interlocking pattern with #3 Braunamid - Interrupted suture placed at the bottom of the incision to allow ventral drainage if needed. |