- Poor appetite
- o Depression
- o Reluctant to move
- Indigestion
- Arched back
- o Brisket edema
- Bloated
- Signs of pain(groaning would be heard) when
 - Defecating
 - Urinating
 - Lying down
 - Getting up
 - Moving
- o If perforation of the heart has occurred there'll be:
 - Fluid may accumulate around the heart and produce abnormal heart sounds
 - Muffled lung sounds
 - Pericardial friction rubs
 - Audible gas and fluid splashing on auscultation
 - Pyrexia
 - Fast and shallow resp.
 - If the myocardium is penetrated, there's extensive hemorrhage into the pericardial sac or ventricular arrhythmias followed by sudden death