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	Fault	Layman's Definition	Probable Cause
HEAD	Wiry face	Twisted facial bones	Most probably genetic, though injury could also be a cause
EARS	Short	Not normal length ears. Are usually accompanied with thickening at the tip or base.	Genetic
	Fused	Tip or base of ear fused together. On a normal ear there is no obstruction at the end of ear. Fused ears have an obvious triangular fusion.	Genetic
	Frost bitten	Tips of the ears deformed or missing because of frostbite.	Environmental. More of an aesthetic blemish than a serious fault.
	Banana ears	Banana shaped, like those of a typical llama ear.	Genetic
	Gopher ears	Only the base of the ear is formed.	Genetic
MOUTH	Overshot jaw	Protrusion of upper dental pad. Abnormally shortened jaw. Will affect eating.	Genetic
	Undershot jaw	Protrusion of teeth past the dental pad, shortened facial bones. Teeth will not wear normally and will effect eating.	Genetic
	Cleft palette	Gap running the length of the roof of the mouth. Tell tale sign is food coming out of the nasal passage.	Genetic
	Choaral atresia	Connection between the mouth and throat not developed, cuts of airways	Connection between mouth and throat not developed, cuts off airways.
GENITALIA	Mixed sex	Neither true male or female. May show physical or behavioral signs characteristic of the opposite sex.	Genetic
Males	Cryptorchidism	One or both testicles undescended.	Genetic
	Hypoplasia of testes	One or both testicles small.	Genetic
Females	Abnormal vagina	May have enlarged clitoris (could be sign of intersex) or abnormal placement of vaginal opening.	Genetic
BODY			
Back	Humped back	Convex curvature of spine.	Genetic/nutritional
	Swayback	Concave curvature of spine.	Genetic/injury
	Longback	Abnormally long backbone.	Genetic
Tail	Short tail	Tail has failed to grow to normal length.	Genetic
	Kinked tail	Tail bends abnormally. Fibre may hamper detection of a kinked tail.	Genetic or injury
Front Legs	Carpal varus	Legs angle outwards at knee.	Genetic/nutritional
	Carpal valgus	Legs angle inwards at knee.	Genetic/nutritional
	Splayed	Angular deformity of fetlock, pointing outwards.	Genetic/nutritional
	Pigeon toed	Angular deformity of fetlock, pointing inwards.	Genetic/nutritional
Back Legs	Cow hocked	Poor angulation of back legs, inwards deviation. Hocks may rub together in severe cases.	Genetic/nutritional
	Siddle hocked	Severe angulation of rear legs. May cause animal to look down in the rump.	Genetic/nutritional
	Post legged	Abnormally straight back legs.	Genetic/nutritional
	Bow legged	Back legs bow forward.	Genetic/nutritional
Feet	Polydactyl	Extra digits present.	Genetic
	Syndactyl	Fused toes.	Genetic
Pasterns	Camped	'Ankle' too straight and upright.	Genetic
	Dropped	'Ankle' dropped down. In older animals could be because of weak ligaments, younger animals is more likely to be genetic trait.	Genetic or wear and tear