

Additional File 2. Visual scoring characteristics and scoring categories for anatomical and mobility traits

Visual characteristics		Scoring categories		
<u>Anatomical traits</u>		“Below 4” (1-4)	“Normal” (4-6)	“Above 6” (6-9)
Fore legs	O or X shape	O shape		X shape
	Sickled or Buckled	Sickled		Buckled
	Steep or low angled pasterns	Steep		Low
	Claw size	Inner claw smaller		Inner claw larger
Hind legs	O or X shape	O shape		X shape
	Straight or Sickled	Straight		Sickled
	Steep or low angled pasterns	Steep		Low
	Claw size	Inner claw smaller		Inner claw larger
Hams	Width	Thin		Large
<u>Mobility traits</u>		Below 9 (1-9)		Above 9 (9-10)
	Gait pattern	Laboured to severely laboured		Smooth
	Twisting hocks	Below 2 (1-2)	Above 2 (2-10)	
	Swaying hind	No twisting	Noticeable twisting to Severe twisting	
		No swaying	Noticeable Swaying Severe swaying	