**Causes of Rectal Prolapse**

The causes of rectal prolapse can be due to many reasons. Some of the major reasons include:

1. Trauma.
2. Certain management procedures such as tail docking in pigs may lead to rectal prolapse. This occurs when the tail is cut too short which can then damage the nerve supply to the anal ring leading to relaxation of the anal sphincter.
3. Straining during parturition
4. Disease such as diarrhea and respiratory disease. The diarrhea causes the animal to excessively strain, while in respiratory disease there is excessive coughing leading to a great abdominal pressure.
5. Disorders of the rectum: foreign bodies, lacerations, diverticula, neoplasia of the rectum.
6. Endoparasitism
7. Urethral obstruction and cystitis can also lead to rectal prolapse when the animal strains to urinate
8. Nutrition: This is a multifactorial cause as there is many elements of nutrition can lead to rectal prolapse, some include:

-Water shortage: This may cause constipation thereby causing the animal is excessively strain.

-Diets with excessive starch