**Indications for digit amputation**

1. Severe foot rot not responsive to anti-biotics and complicated by osteomyelitis

2. Abscess formation with osteoarthritis of the distal interphalangeal joint

3. Tenosynovitis

4. Severe phalangeal fractures

5. Dislocation of phalangeal joint

6. To relieve extreme pain and discomfort and to return animal to normal soundness and production

7. To prevent ascending infection of the limb

8. Sole ulcer unresponsive to treatment

**Contraindications**

1. Sepsis of the fetlock joint

2. Involvement of both digits of the same foot

3. Heavy bulls or cows (these animals generally break down the remaining claw)