**Contraindications**

* Generally results in earlier culling of cattle.
* Digit amputation is not suitable for individuals in which both digits of the

same foot are affected, in very heavy animals (since breakdown of the

remaining digit is likely) or for sepsis of the fetlock joint

* Can result in a shorter productive life and a poor cosmetic result; heavy individuals generally do poorly following digit amputation and walking on hilly or rocky ground, or slatted floors, is more difficult for individuals with an amputated digit
* Digit amputation results in a persistently poor gait in some animals and is not suitable for all cases.