History - History taking is an important part of diagnosis procedures. The owner must be properly questioned about the patient's health previously and current health status. Important topics about the:

1. Appetite : Is the animal eating or drinking, and how frequently.
2. Diet: what do you feed your animal? What concentration, where do you source it's food
3. . Demeanor: what is the general temperament, how long have you observed this change in behavior.
4. Vaccination: is this animal vaccinated, do you have a vaccination record?
5. Medication: What is the animal's current medication? Have there been any medications in the last 6 months that were given to the animal ?
6. Disease/ illness: are there any diseases that the animal was diagnosed with recently or in the past ?

The Veterinarian can proceed to ask for the farmer's record, for when considering a history, one must look into records of the farmer or report from another veterinarian. The following must be noted:

* -The Presenting complaint of the farmer
* - Time frame that the symptoms were first observed and the duration of which the symptoms persisted.
* -Diet (Feed formulation, feeding frequency, dietary supplementation)
* -Appetite (how often the animal eats, if the animal is eating or not, expulsion of faeces frequency vs volume consumed)
* -Vaccination status
* - Previous/Ongoing medical conditions with associated treatments.
* - Changes in diet/feed formulation, housing methods
* - Herd history where necessary
* - Behaviour among the other animals