Feet and Legs

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• Can she move freely?
  – Feet
  – Hocks
  – Pasterns
  – Rear legs
    • Rear view
    • Side view

Feet

• Steep foot angle

• Deep heel
Hocks

- Cleanly molded
- Free from coarseness and puffiness
- Adequate flexibility

Pasterns

- Short
- Strong
- Some flexibility

Rear Legs-Rear View

- Straight
- Wide apart
- Feet squarely placed
Rear Legs-Rear View

Rear Legs-Side View
- A moderate set (angle) to the hock
- Excessive set is called “sickle hocked”
- Straight with no set is called “post legged”

Rear Legs-Side View

Feet and Legs Terms
- Straighter in her rear legs as viewed from behind (the side), faulting 2 for…
- More correct set to the hock, noting the straight (set) leg on 3

Feet and Legs Terms
- Cleaner through the hock, faulting 2 for being puffy in the left hock
- Handles her rear legs more correctly on the walk, faulting 3 for…

Feet and Legs Terms
- A cleaner, flatter hock (leg bone)
- Flatter leg bone
- Stronger in pasterns
Feet and Legs Terms

- Shorter in the pasterns
- Deeper in the heel (and shorter in the toe)

Feet and Legs Terms

- Walks more correctly on her front feet, noting that 4 toes out
- “Tracks straighter ahead on those front feet”

Feet and Legs Terms

- “Walks (or stands) more comfortably on her rear legs”
- “Walks straight at you”

Feet and Legs Terms

- Stands and walks on a more correct foot and leg
- Steps down on a foot that is deeper in the heel

Summary

- What are the 4 traits evaluated as part of the feet and legs?
- What 2 views do we utilize for evaluating rear legs?
- Why do we use 2 way traits?

Reasons

- Listen for terminology related to feet and legs

   4 year-old Jerseys  Aged Jerseys  5 year-old Holsteins
Time to Practice

- Place the following classes.
  - Ayrshire 5 year-olds
  - Jersey aged cows
  - Holstein 4 year-olds

- Take notes for reasons

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