Sick cow identification

(Sick cows demonstrate something abnormal...)

**Signs of an ABNORMAL cow**

1. Depressed, not eating, walking slow with head down to parlor
   - Act different than cows in the rest of the pen

2. Lame:
   - Obvious lameness, swelling of foot or leg
   - Abnormal walk with favoring of one foot or leg
   - Arched back while walking

3. Lumps, Bumps, Bruises, Bad eyes
   - Abnormal swelling on any part of head, neck, body, or legs of cattle
   - Red, cloudy, or tearing of eyes

4. No Milk
   - Cow on her way to parlor do not have “fill” in udder

5. Deviation list
   - Cows on deviation list that have less milk than their weekly average
   - Cows that are milking <10 liters

**WHEN cows should be spotted**

- When cows are walking to the milking parlor
- When locking up cows for treatment, heat detection, or breeding
- When doing routine pen walks in morning and afternoon
- When return from parlor when cow does not go to feed bunk

**WHAT to do once an abnormal cow has been identified**

1. Record number on personal notebook
2. Segregate or lock cow in headlock
3. Use “sick cow” protocol to identify problem

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4. Treat according to protocol