Example Five Point Check for Internal Parasite

1-FAMACHA Score

2-Bottle jaw (present or absent?)

3-Body condition, weight gain (poor, good?) and hair coat (rough, shiny?)

4-Dag score (diarrhea, firm?)

5-Movement within herd (lags behind, energetic?)
Symptoms of Barber Pole Worm Infection

Pale mucous membranes upon FAMACHA scoring

May have “Bottle Jaw” – an accumulation of fluid under the jaw

Other strongyle worms may also be a problem - weight loss, lethargic, poor appetite, sometimes rough hair coat
Signs of Deer Worm Infection

- Nerve damage often leads to dragging a toe or entire hind quarters.

- Animal may collapse completely. Symptoms can be confused with polioencephalomalacia, listeria, rabies or enterotoxemia. In contrast to these diseases, animal usually maintains a good appetite.

Nerve damage can lead to a persistent “itch” below a few vertebrae. Animal may bite or rub affected area raw as it gets constant nerve message of “itch”