AIMS & ADVANTAGES OF CLAW AMPUTATION

* To relieve pain
* Return animal to sound gait and normal production
* Prevent infection from ascending proximally into the limb
* Associated with rapid recovery and return to milk; may have increased BCS and milk yield
* Removes septic focus, allows good drainage, is simple to perform
* Good treatment option if affected animal is older or a low producer or has other problems such as blind teats.