DISTANCE EXAM OF BOVINE

During a routine distance exam of the Bovine the following are assessed:

1. Environment - faeces, urine, discharges on the floor, cleanliness, infrastructure
2. Demeanour – Is the animal bright alert and responsive ( BAR), or dull and depressed (DD); anxious; restless; interacting with herd mates
3. Posture; gait and stance
4. Conformation – symmetry and shape of abdomen, thorax limbs, head
5. Lumps, bumps, lacerations, lesions
6. Ectoparasites
7. Hair coat and skin – Shiny or dull, dry, alopecia, colour change
8. Discharges – eyes, nostrils, vulva, rectum
9. Respiration – rate and character (15 – 30 breaths/min)
10. Initial Body condition score (Provel), Body condition score (UCD)
11. Breed