PRESENTING COMPLAINT

Farmer complained of Cowie not eating as she usually does; having decreased milk production; not walking around as much; walking with an obvious limp and having a prominent arched back

HISTORY

On the 1st October 2014 during routine “herd-up” for milking. Anxious Cowie rushed into the milking holding lot and suffered deep puncture wound in the mid region of the sole from a protruding piece of iron pipe in the holding area. During milking the farmer noticed blood in area where Cowie was standing and check the hoof where the blood was coming from. The farmer examined the hoof to see if the foreign bodies were in the sole of the hoof. The farmer didn’t find any foreign objects and then proceeded to flush the area with a saline solution and applied some oxytetracyline antibiotic spray.

On the 4th October 2014 during a routing herd-up for deworming. The farmer noticed that Cowie moved slowly with a limp.

Approximately 7 days later on the 11th October 2014 noticed that the wound swelling was larger in size than before. The farmer also realized that cowie limp was worse than before while walking into the milking palour; a decrease in appetite and in milk production. The farmer immediately called the Vet to come to the farm to take a look at Cowie.