



Medical Terminology List

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Bilateral: Both right and left limbs

Calcaneus: 'Heel bone' that is at the back of the tarsus or ankle

Carpus: Wrist

Caudal/Posterior: Towards the back or tail

Cranial/Anterior/Rostral: Towards the front or head

CrCI (CCL): Cranial Cruciate Ligament

Digits: Toes

Distal: Downwards towards the bottom

Doffing: Removal of the device from the limb'

Donning: Placement of the device on the limb

Dorsiflex: Upward flexion

Femur: The thigh bone

Fibular Head: The bony prominence that is at the outer aspect of the knee

Gait: Manner of walking

Lateral: To the outside

Malleoli: These are bony prominences at the inside and outside of the tarsus or ankle (IE. ankle bones)

Medial: To the inside/toward the midline

Met-Heads: Innermost and outermost body prominences of the paw

Orthotic: An artificial support or brace

Palliative: To ease a patient's symptoms without curing the underlying injury or disease

Palmigrade: Walking on the soles of the front feet

Patella: The kneecap

Pelvic limb: The back legs

Plantigrade: Walking on the soles of the hind feet (like a human)

PROM: Passive range of motion

Proprioception: A patient's awareness of their limbs in space

Prosthetic: An artificial limb

Proximal: Upwards, towards the top

ROM: Range of motion

Stifle: The knee

Tarsus: Ankle (hock)

Thoracic limb: The front legs

Tibia: The shin bone