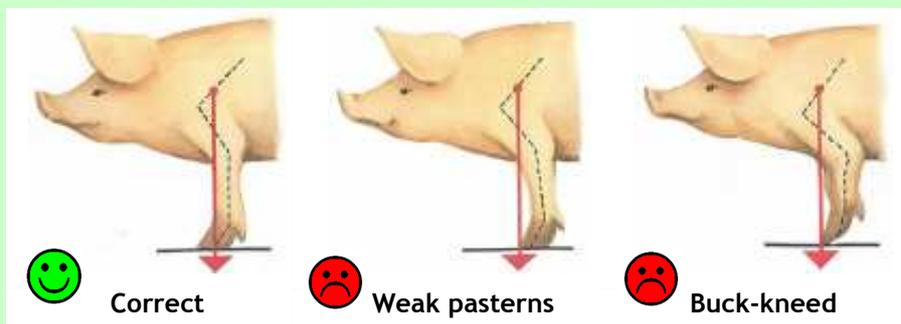


Prevention of leg and hoof injuries

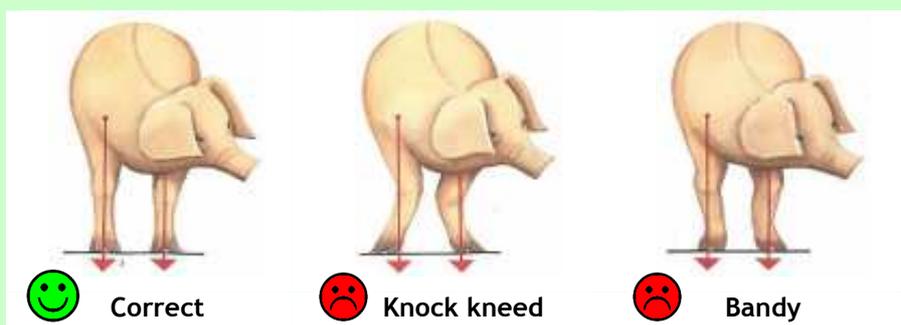
The strong sow has:

- Strong and even legs
- Straight back
- Uniform hooves
- Untroubled gait



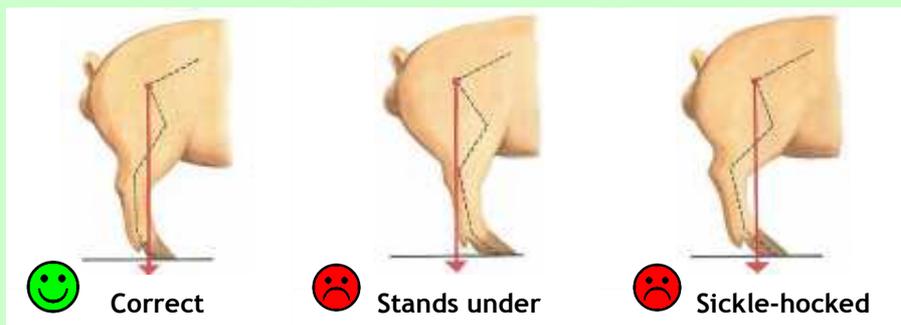
Avoid sows that:

- Have weak pasterns, sickle-hocked or cow-hocked legs
- Are buck-kneed
- Have small inner hooves
- Have a stiff gait



Assessment of the sow:

- Always assess the sow's movement on a solid floor.
- A good time for assessing hooves, leg position and the sow's movement is upon transfer to the service facility and farrowing facility.



Assessment of hooves:

- With normal and shapely hooves, the body weight is evenly distributed across the entire sole surface of the hoof. This reduces the risk of developing hoof injuries.

