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UNIT 1: RESTRAINING FARM ANIMALS

Session 1: Body Parts of Cattle and Basics of Animal Handling

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Session Objectives

The student will be able to:

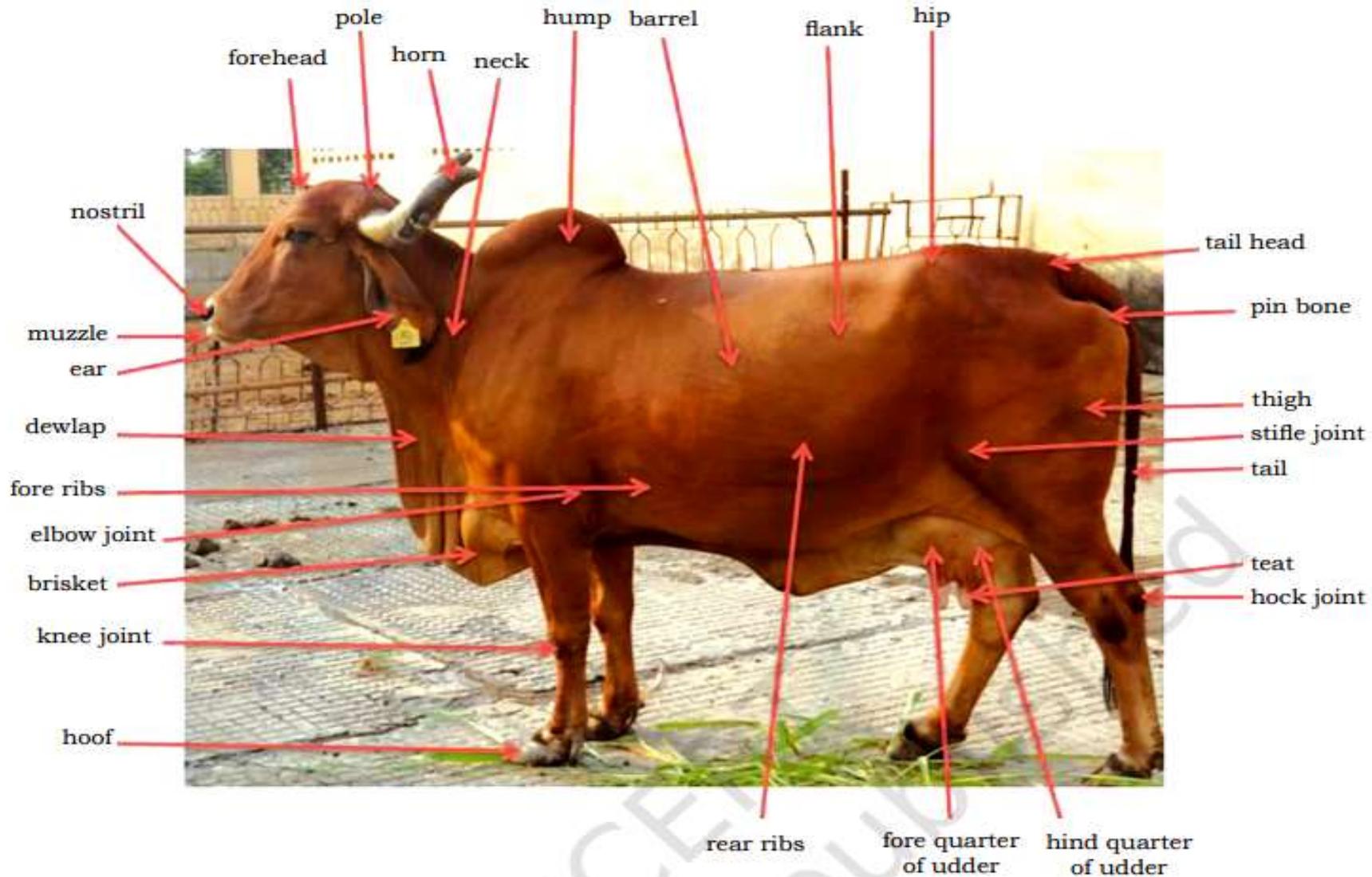
- Describe the various body parts of cattle, and
- Explain the purposes of restraining and handling farm animals and their herd instinct.

Introduction

The different body parts of cattle have different functions. Understanding the various body parts of the cattle helps in:

1. Better handling of animal;
2. Reduce stress in them; and
3. Improve the safety of the handler as well as the animals.

Body Parts of Cattle



Purposes of Handling the Animals

1. Physical Examination of animals;
2. Administration of medicine and vaccines; and
3. For carrying out operation such as dehorning, castration.

General Principles of Animal Handling

1. Avoid getting the animal excited;
2. Understand the psychology of animals for better handling; and
3. Maintaining safety of the animal health worker and farmer.

Instances of excited cattle in a farm



Herd Instinct

- Farm animals have the instinct to live in herds.
- Therefore, they become agitated when isolated from their herd.
- If an isolated animal becomes overexcited, it should be sent back to its herd.

Herd instinct in cattle



Herd instinct in young calves

Summary

In this session, you have learnt about the various body parts of cattle, purposes and principles of handling the farm animals and their herd instinct.

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