

Terms used to Describe Direction and Surface:

Ventral	Refers to the belly or underside of a body or body part	Dorsal	Refers to the back or cranial surface of a paw
Cranial	Towards the head	Caudal	Toward the tail
Anterior	Front of the body	Posterior	Rear of the body
Rostral	Nose end of the head	Caudal	Towards the tail
Medial	Toward the midline	Lateral	Away from the midline
Superior	Uppermost, above or toward the head	Inferior	Lowermost, below or toward the tail
Proximal	Nearest the midline or beginning of a structure	Distal	Farthest from the midline or farthest from the beginning of a structure
Superficial (external)	Near the surface	Deep (internal)	Away from the surface
Palmar	Caudal surface of the front paw (manus)	Plantar	Caudal surface of the rear paw (pes)