

**Onderwerp:** Mogelijke dislocatie, fractuur rugwervel of hernia nucleii pulposi.

**Problem:** A sow with a history of a spinal cord injury is now in pain, unable to stand and walk. She had 7 week old piglets.

**Symptoms:** Depression was observed at the level of the lumbo-sacral joint along the vertebral column (lower back), no respond to stimuli (when pinched) on the both hind legs. Painful cry in attempt to make the animal stand. Temperature is 38 Celsius.

**Therapy/ advice:** Suspected diagnosis a dislocation in the vertebral column, damaging the spinal cord, resulting in poor relay of impulses which causes the animal to be unable to stand. For these matters there is no cure. If the udder of the sow dries in, I would advise to place her piglets with another lactating sow, in order to save them.

*Trefwoorden: Spinal cord problem, sow*