Indications for an Exploratory Laparotomy

- Rumenotomy
- Severe or persistent ruminal impaction
- Severe frothy bloat
- Removal of phytobazoars, trichobazoars or any other foreign bodies from rumen or reticulum
- Removal of ruminal contents prior to surgical repair of diaphragmatic hernia
- Enterotomy/Enterectomy
- Spleenectomy
- Cystotomy/Cystorrhaphy
- Abomasopexy
- Hysterectomy (Cesarean section)
- Exploratory purposes
- Chronic Vomiting
- Penetrating Abdominal Wounds
- Abdominal Pain
- Abdominal Fluid Accumulation
- Urinary Bladder Disease
- Abdominal Masses
- Intestinal diseases are some of the more common indications for an abdominal exploratory*