

Stifle - Lateral



Positioning

- Lateral recumbency, affected side down
- Stifle in lateral position
- Pull unaffected leg out of the way, and secure
- Support leg with sandbags or foam pads
- Centre over the stifle joint
- Collimate to show $\frac{1}{2}$ of femur and $\frac{1}{2}$ of tibia/fibula.

What to look for

- Femoral condyles must be superimposed on one another.

Top tips

- For most dogs pulling the unaffected leg cranially works much better than pulling it back over the body, as this can lead to rotation of the stifle joint
- On occasion supporting the hock joint and weighting down the foot can help superimpose the condyles.