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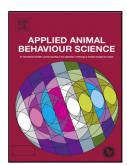
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Highlights

- The study evaluated the effect of lameness on behavior of sows; the study animals comprised 13 pairs of lame and healthy control sows.
- Effect of oral ketoprofen given for 5 days was compared with that of placebo treatment.
- Behavior was assessed by scan sampling prior to and on the last day of treatment.
- Lameness reduced sow activity.
- Relief of lameness after ketoprofen treatment was associated with normalization of the behavior.

Abstract

Lameness is a common health and welfare problem in sows. Very little research has been published about the behavioral changes in lame sows. Ketoprofen is an effective non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug used in studies and in practice effectively in treating non-infectious locomotor disorders in pigs.

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