



Chronic perforating foot sole lesions in 2 captive great Indian rhinoceroses (*Rhinoceros unicornis*).

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Namaste

Born: Februari 1991 (Stuttgart)

Acquired: July 1993 → old enclosure

1994 → Taman indah









Taman indah in 1993

- Concrete floor with straw bedding; later modified in rubber floor.
- 2 narrow boxes
- 1 small indoor enclosure + bath
- Large outdoor enclosure (sand + moad)















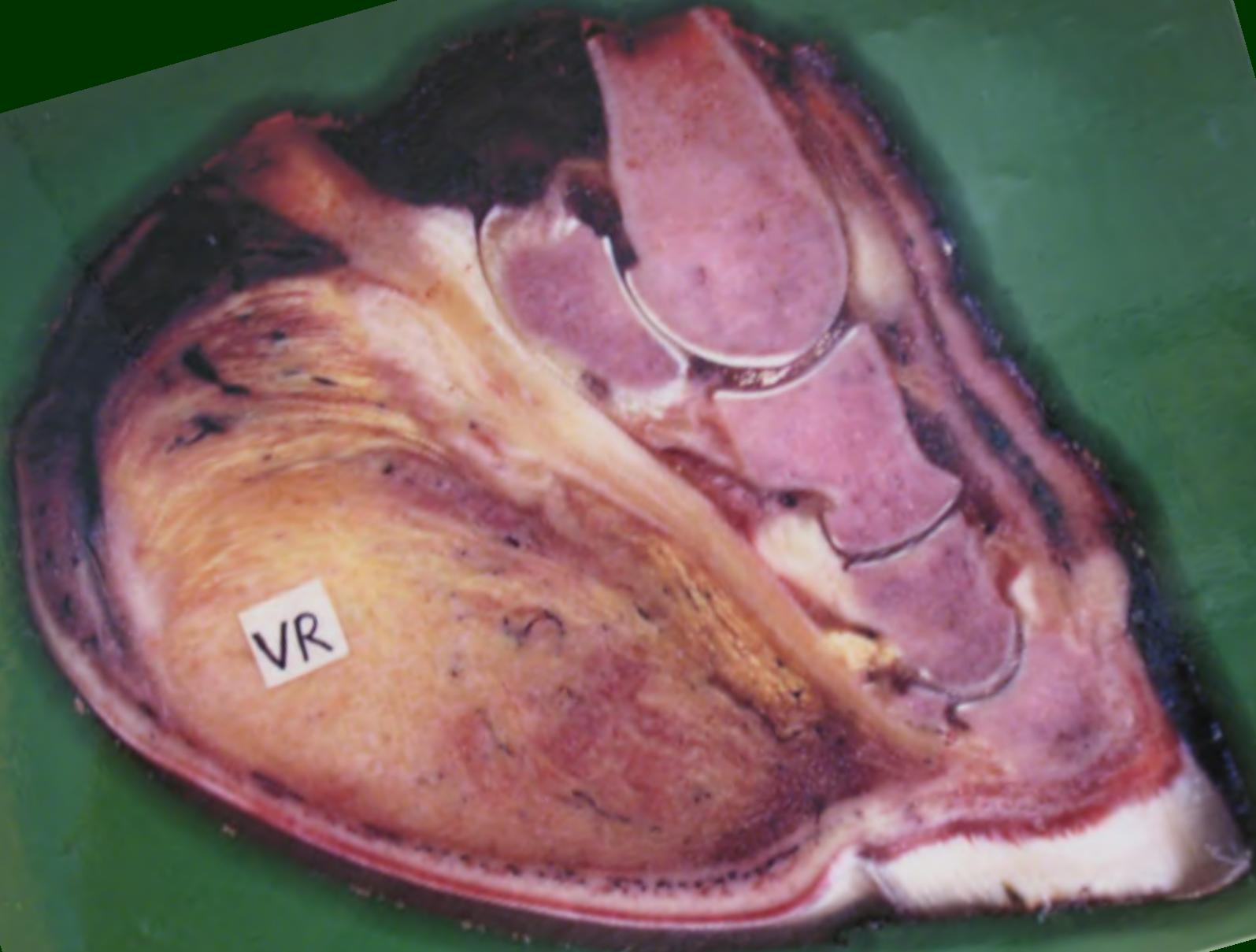




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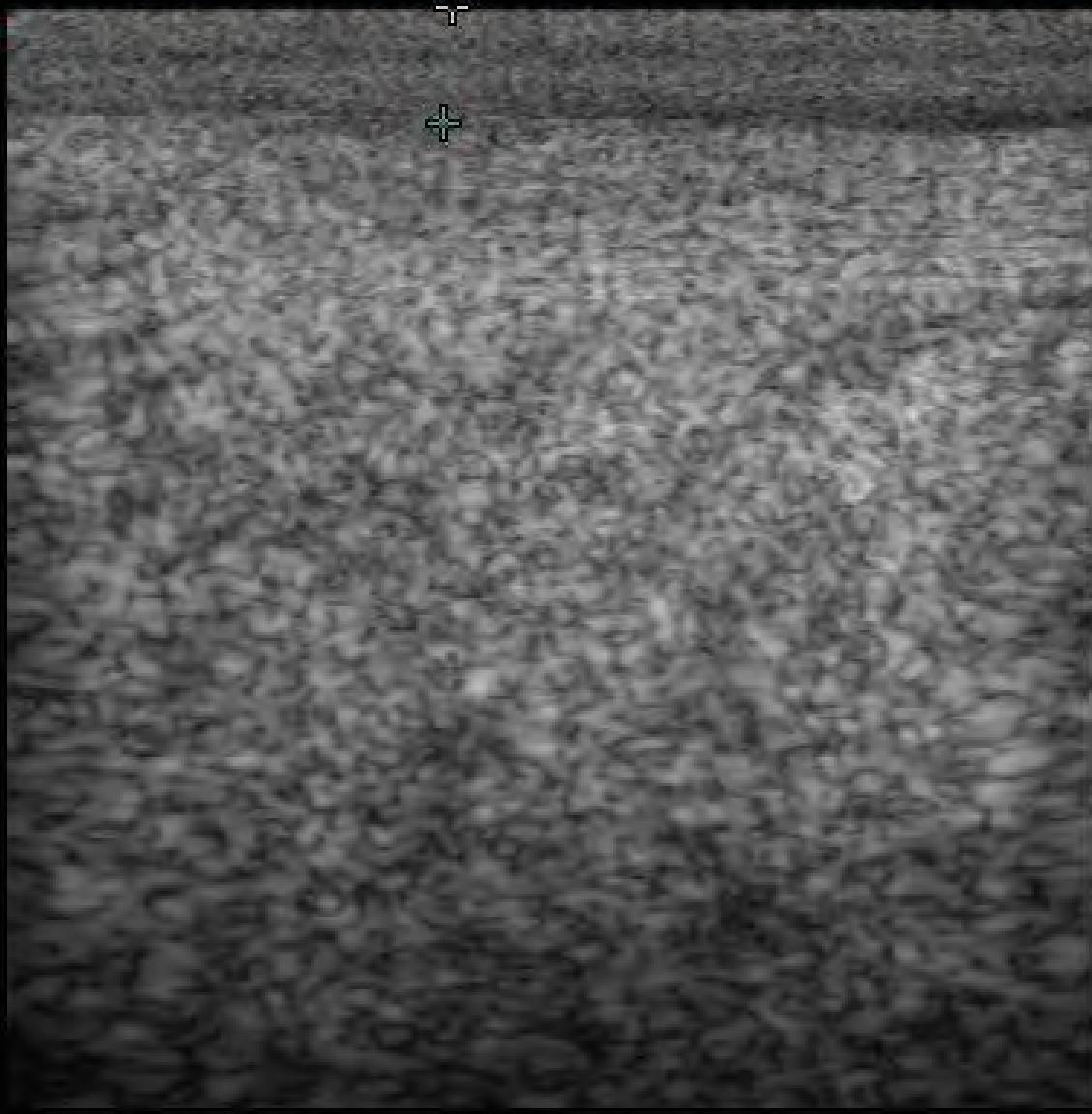


VR

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Res



0.41cm

3.9 ▲

- SmP
L38

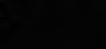
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0.5



78



Cal

+/-

Cal 1

X

Cal 2

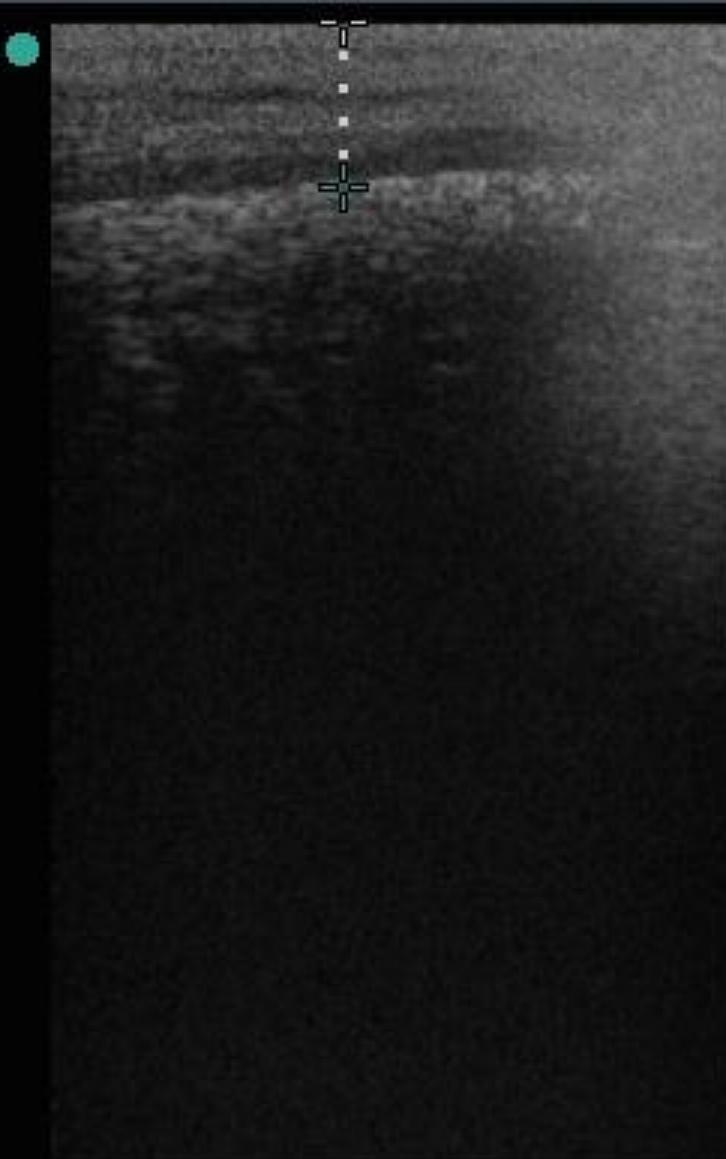
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Ellipse

X

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Res



0.93cm

6.5 Δ:8

Cal

+

Cal 1

X

Cal 2

O

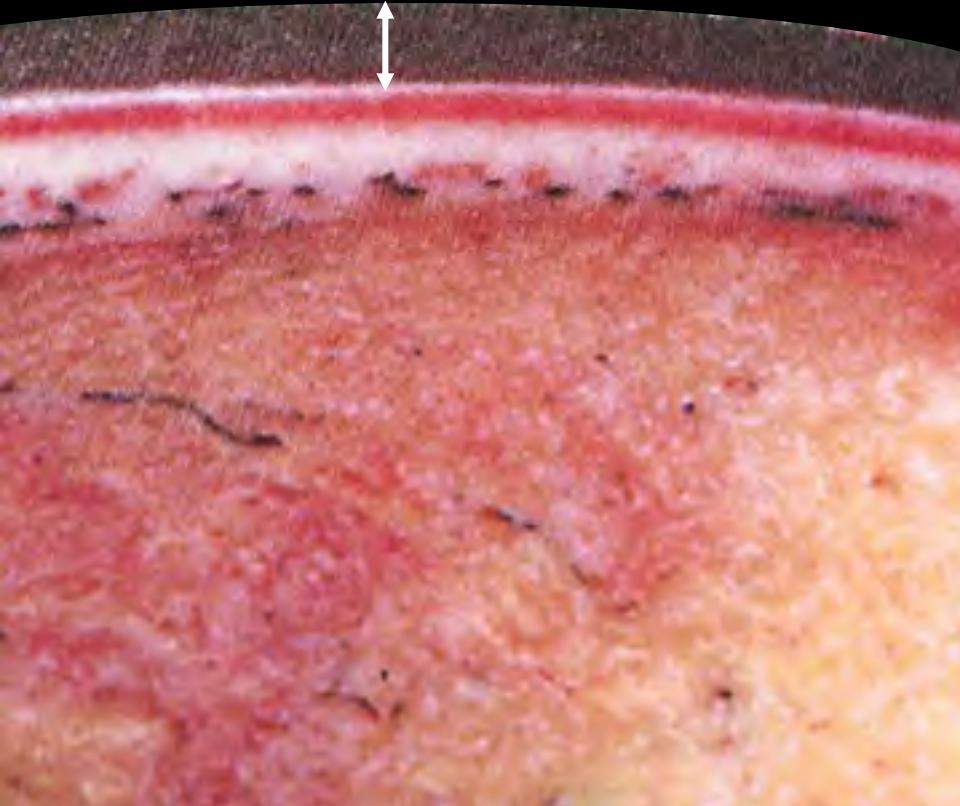
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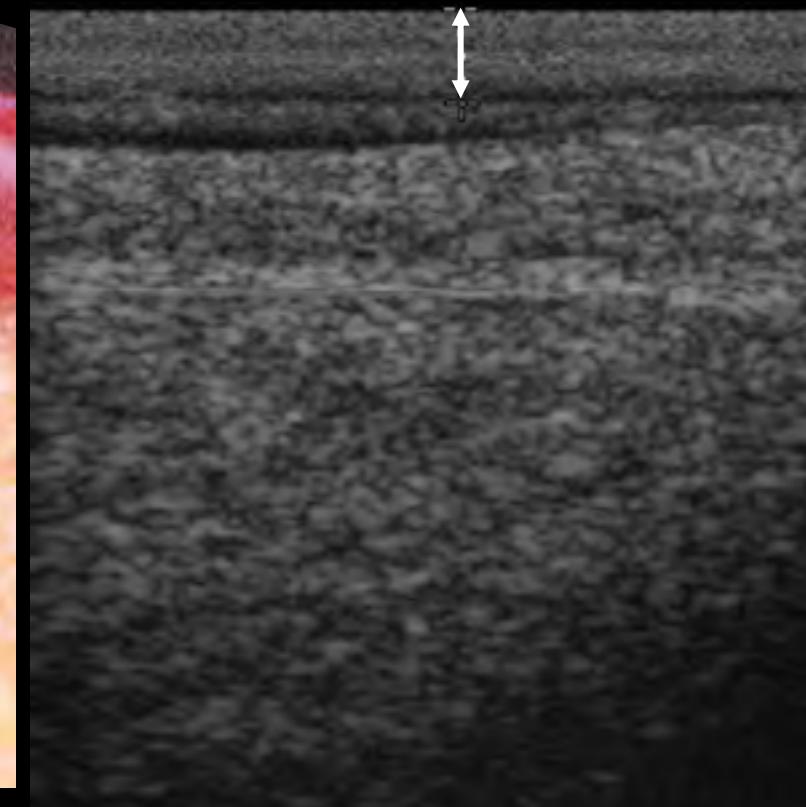
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- SmP
L38Cf
45MI
0.4

147



4.3 mm





1999: Namaste

- Moderate supporting lameness right hind leg
- Abnormal form of the right hind foot
- D3: nail not touching ground
- Swollen tissue around nail base



Namaste

1999

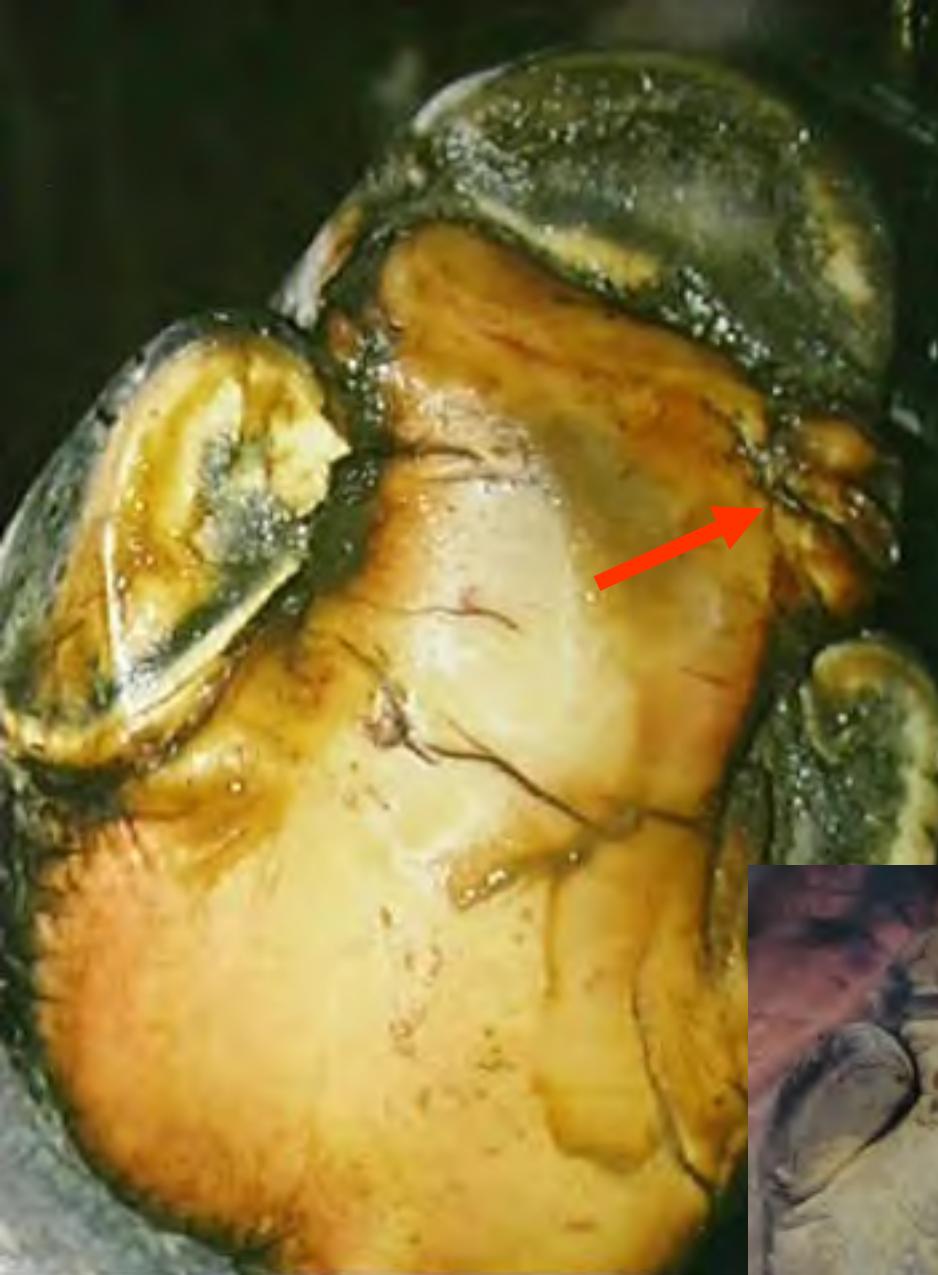




Left

Right 1999

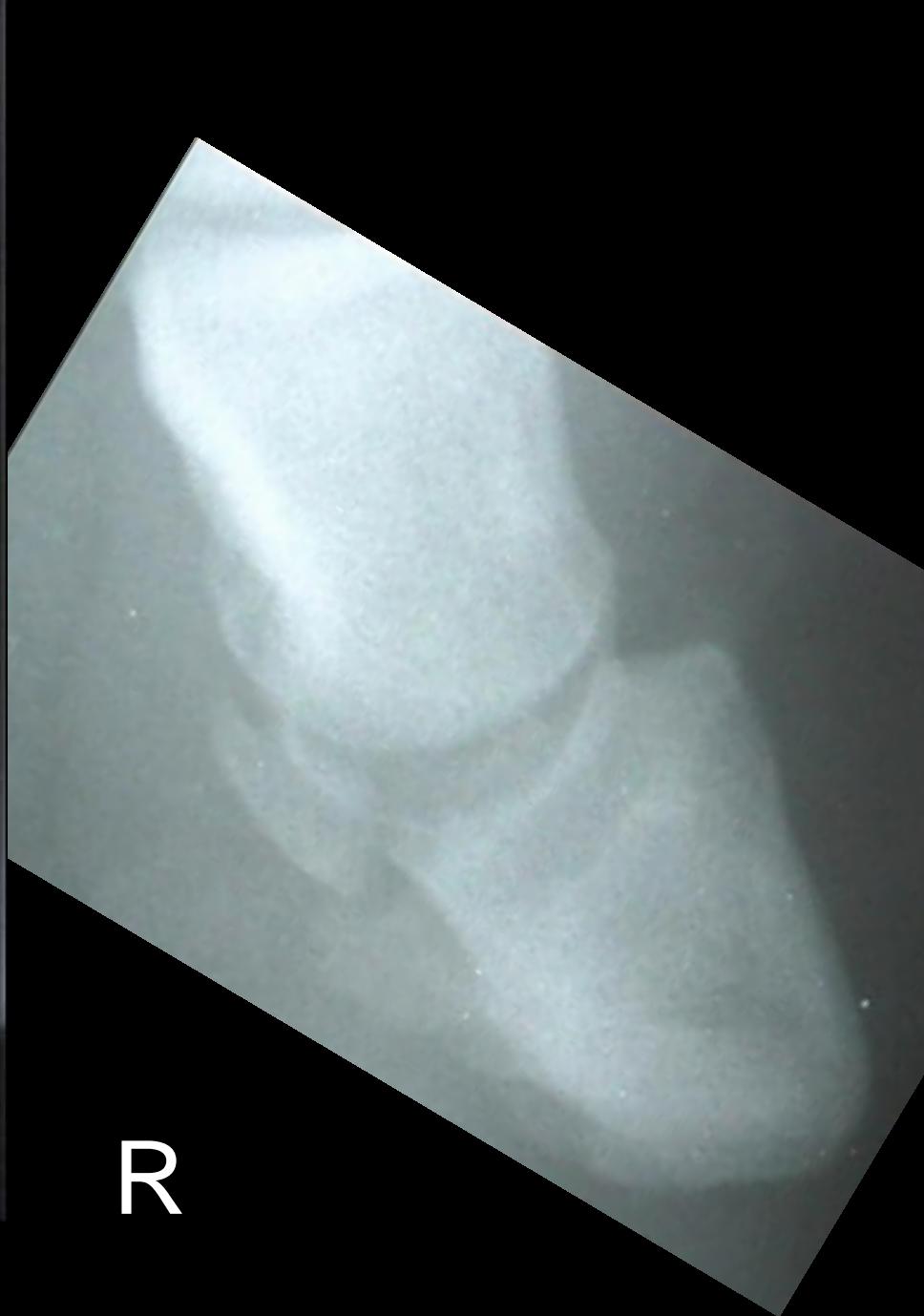






Right 1999





R



R





Right 1999



Nico, born at Rotterdam Zoo
October 1986





Nico, 2002



Nico, LH

2002



Nico, RH
2002



Nico, 2005



Possible causes?

Micro-climate around the foot

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Humidity? Bedding?

Abnormal compression

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Short turning circle?

(Abnormal position of the leg

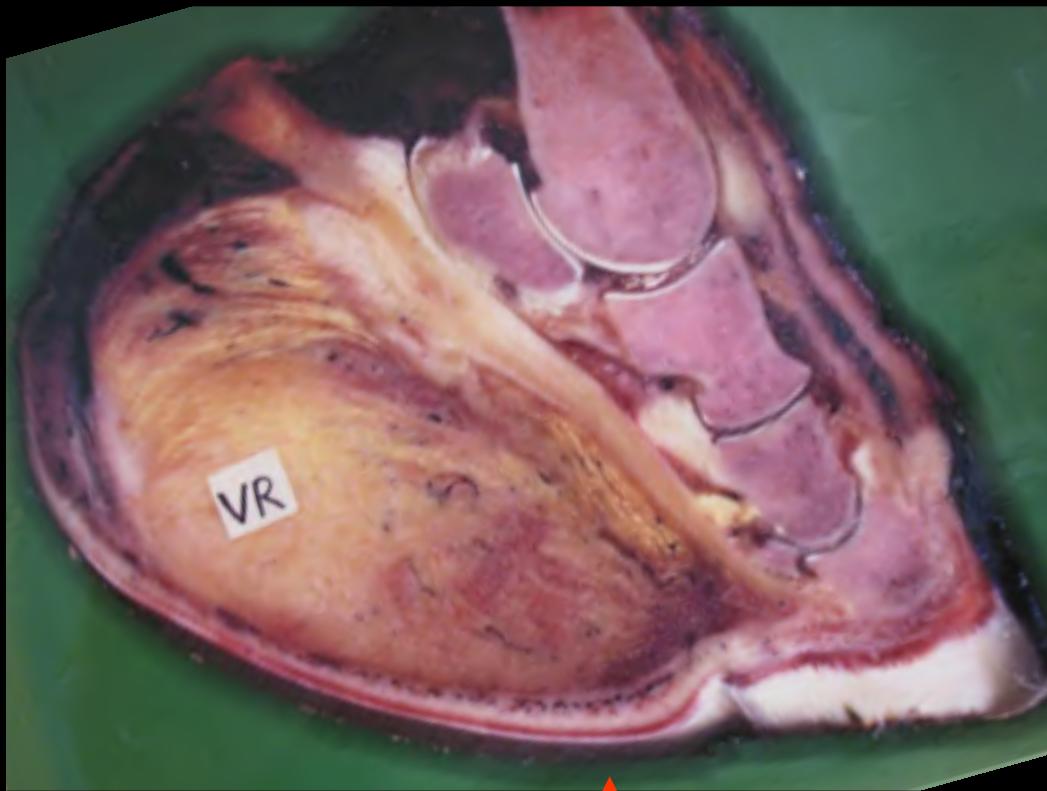
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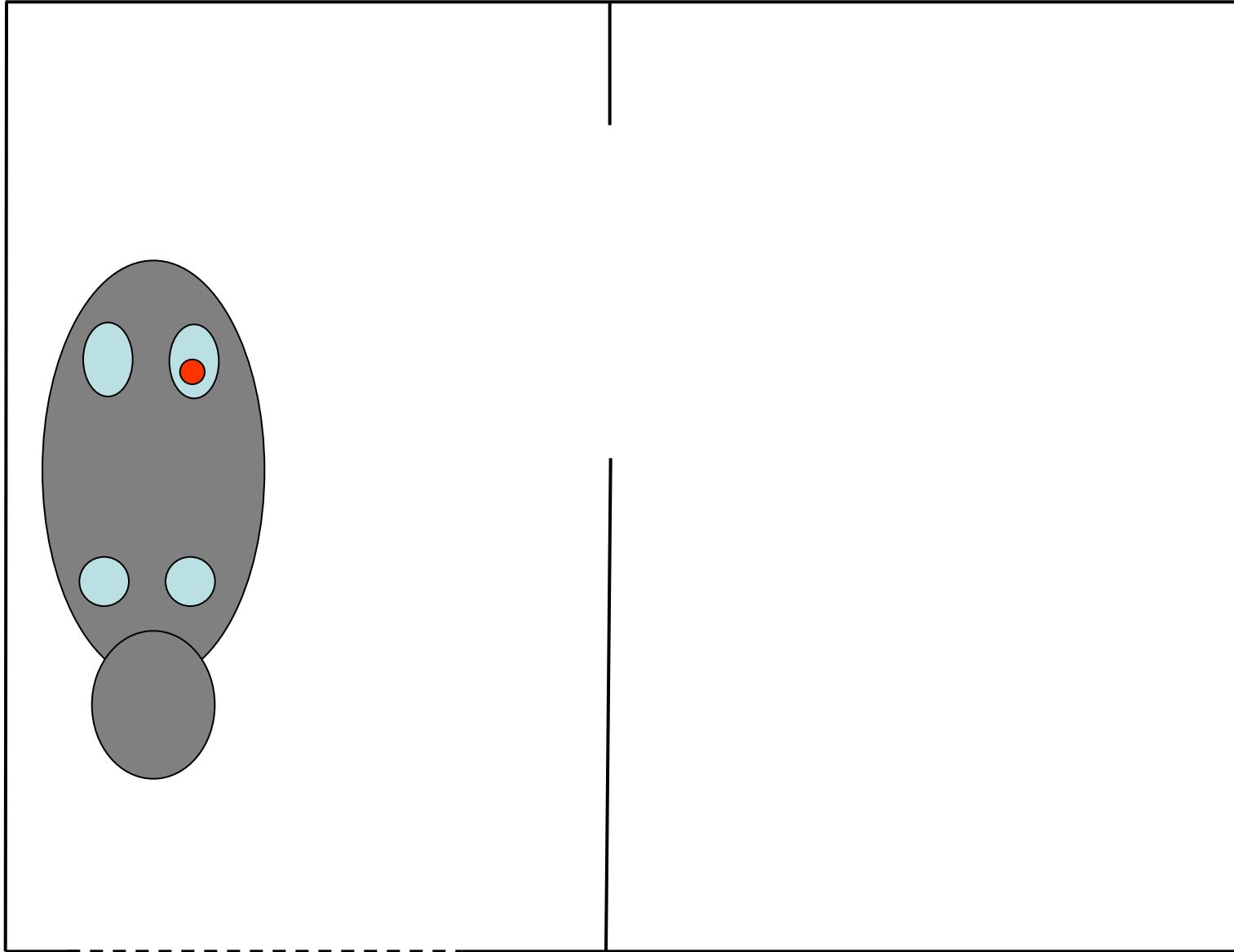
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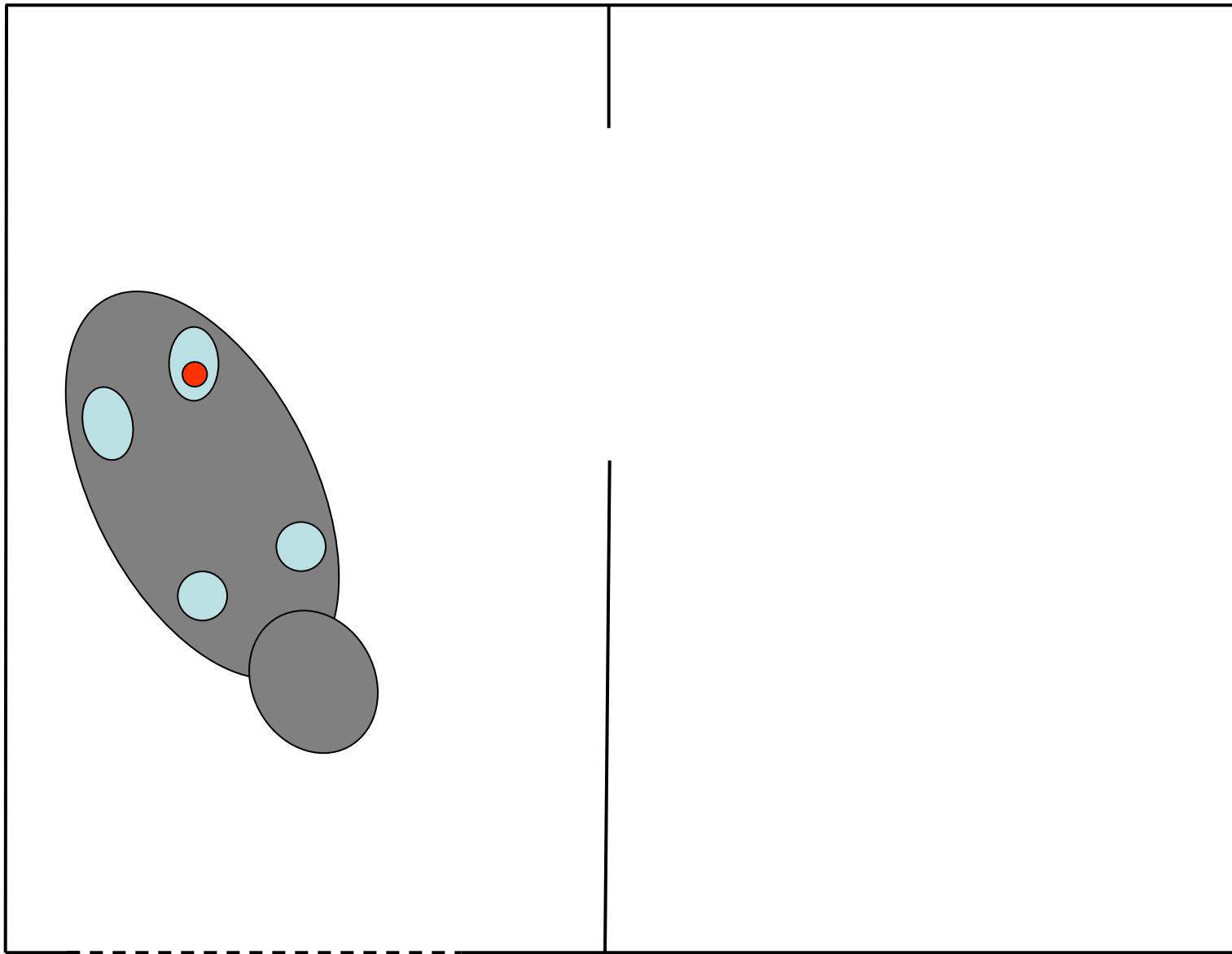
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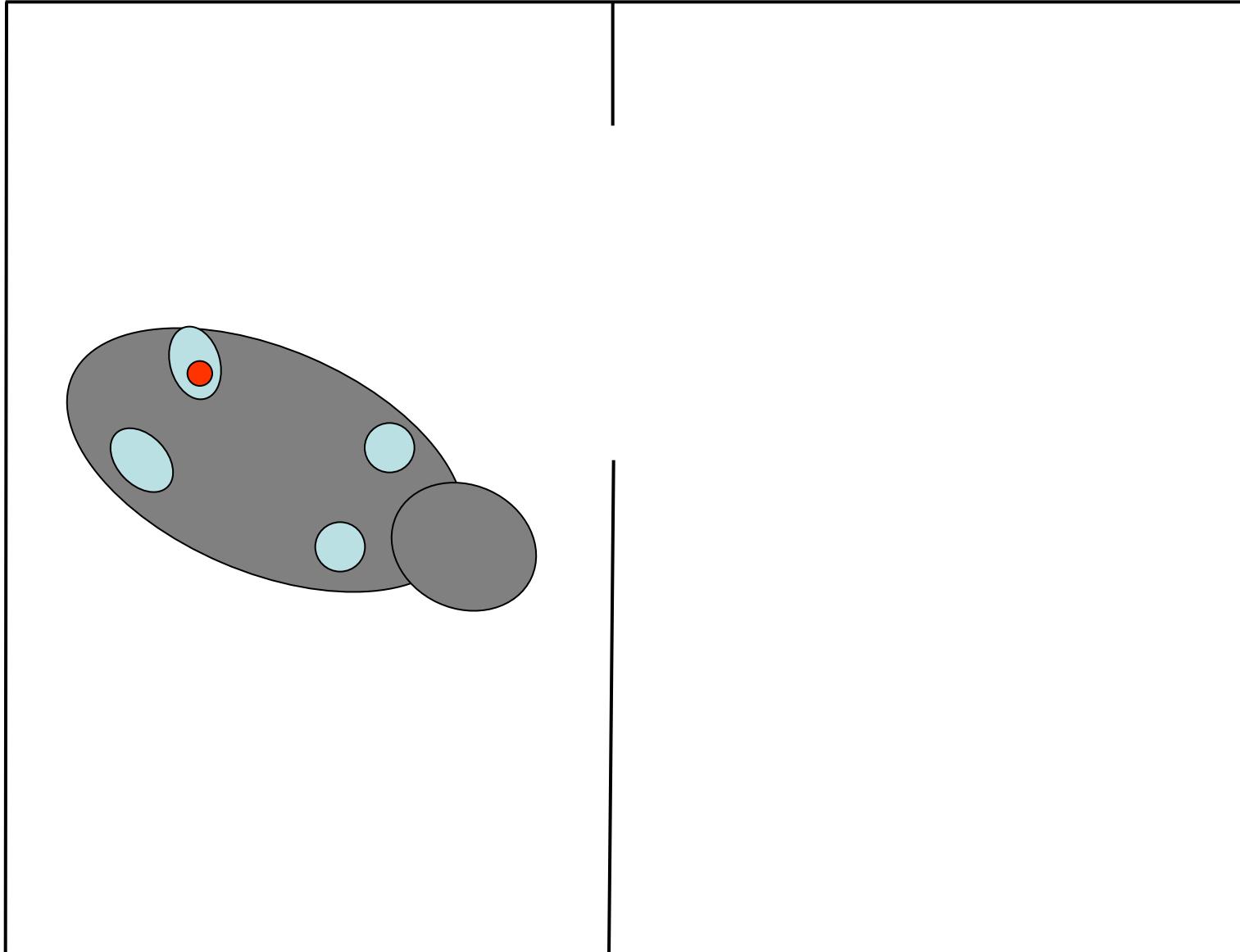
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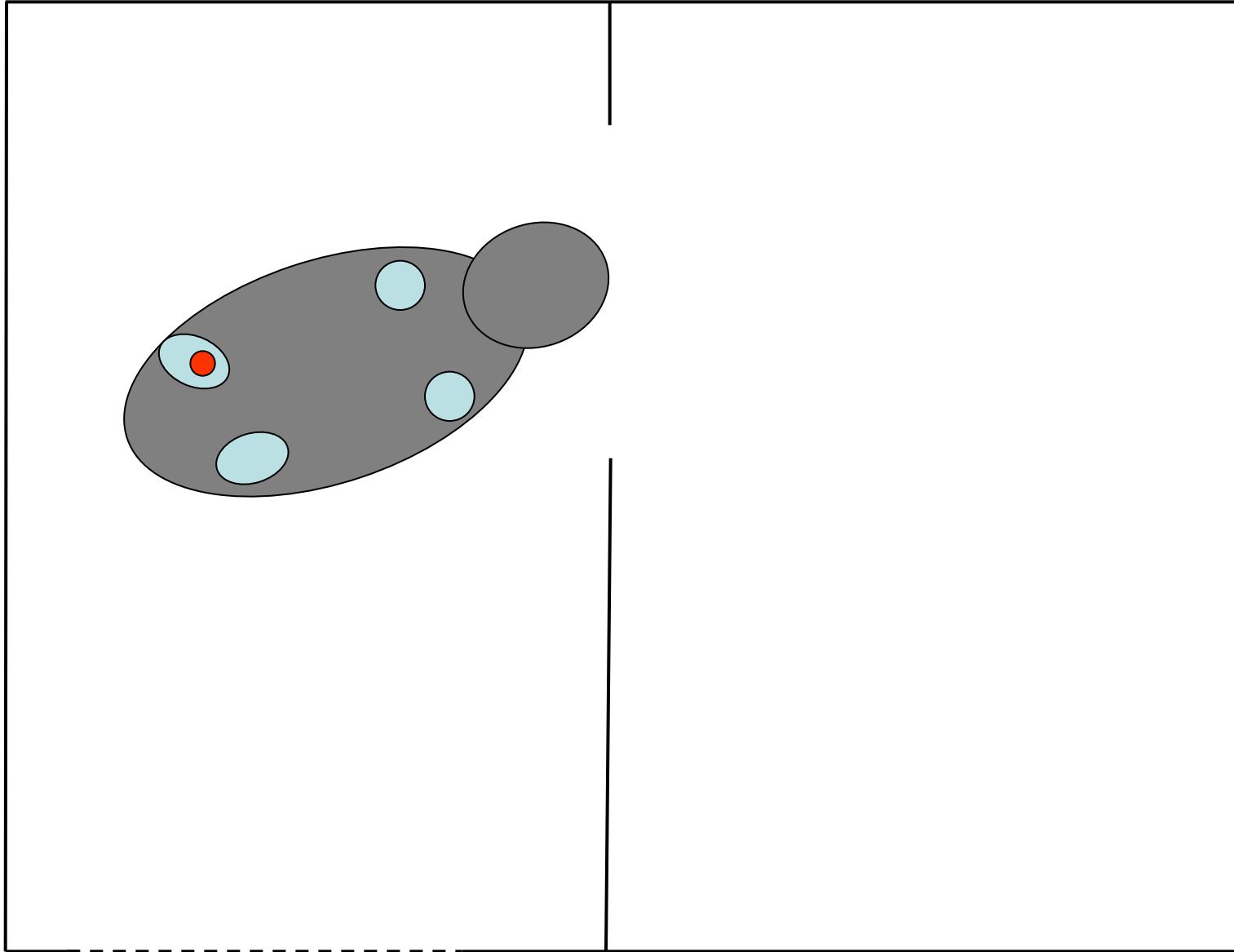


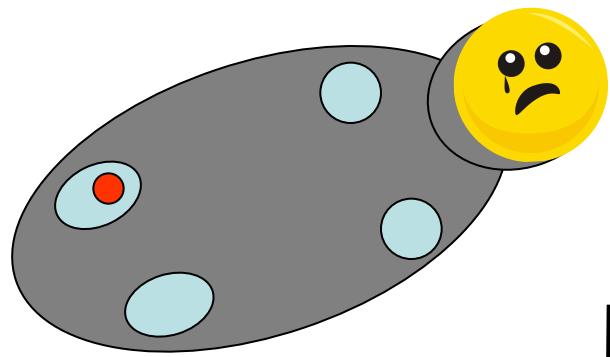














Compression → necrosis



Decompression (pedicure)

Infection → fistle

*Wide opening, flushing
(antibiotics)*



Anesthesia



- 24 hours no food
- 15 hours no water
- 1.5 – 1.7 ml Immobilon L.A.* (medial side front leg)
- 0.1 – 0.2 ml Immobilon L.A. i.v. suppl. doses
- 5 l. oxygen flow in nasal cavity
- Pulse-oxymetry monitoring
- Reversal Naltrexone i.v.
- Air-inflated cushions

* Immobilon: 2.45 mg etorphine + 10 mg acepromazine per ml



Air-inflated positioning bags



Right 2001



Left 2001





Rubber floor



Right

21-03-2002



Right

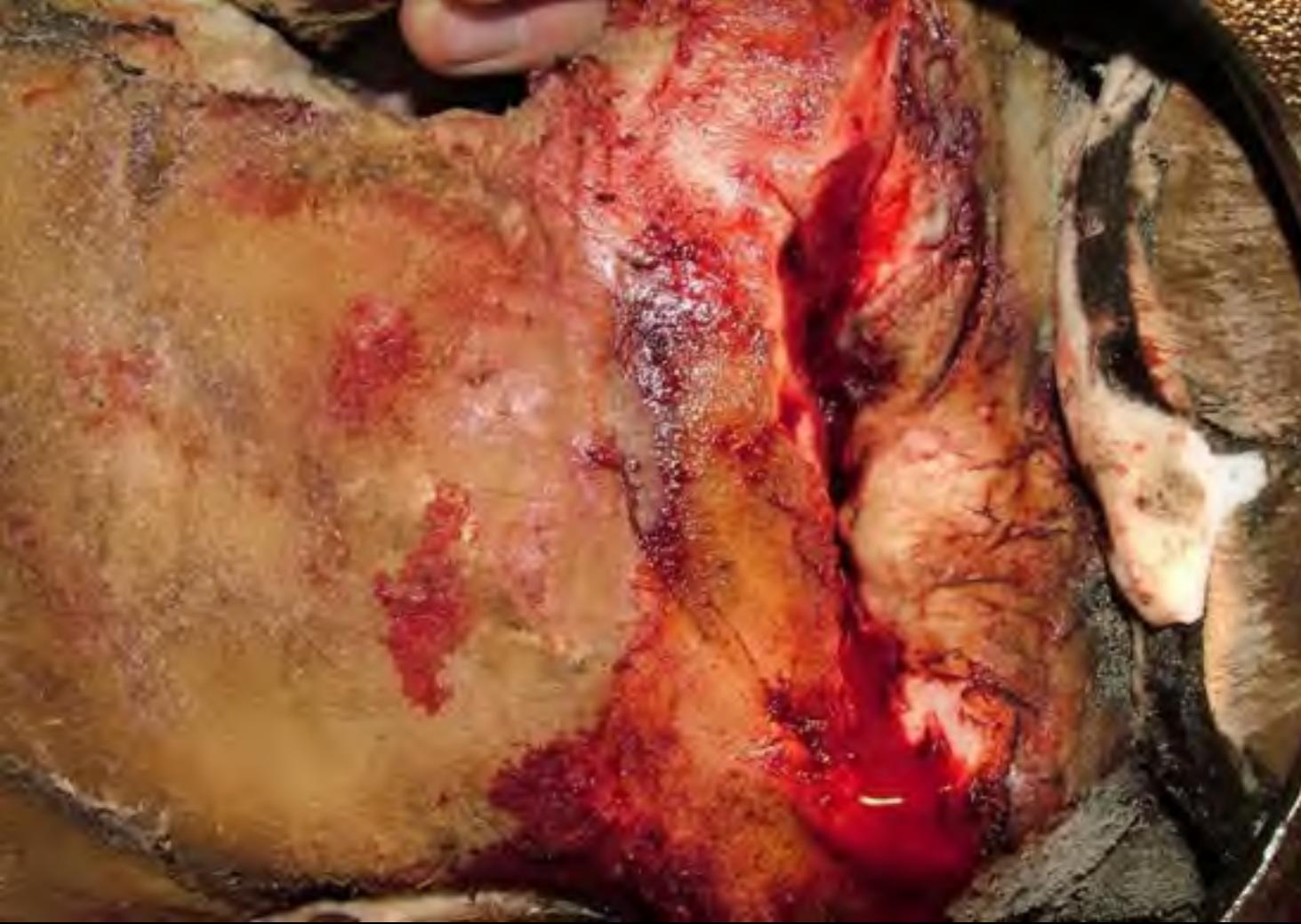
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Right

25-11-2004





Right

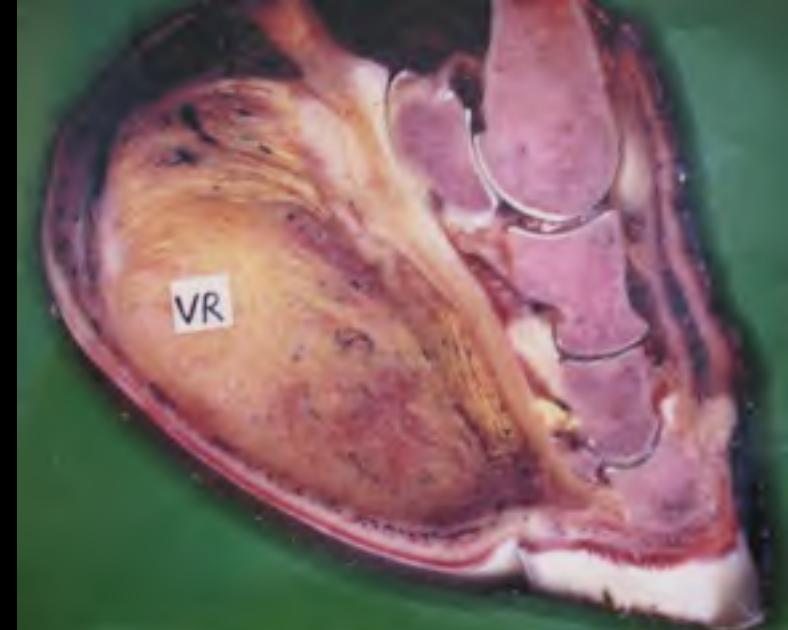
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Right

10-12-2004



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ACTISORB® Silver 220

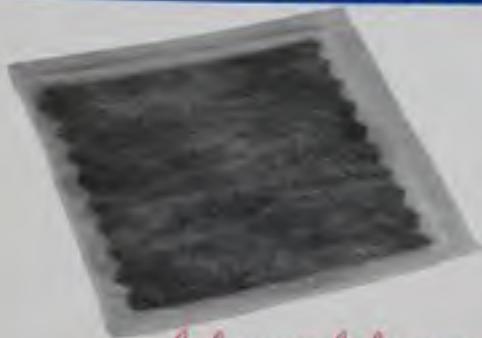
Silber-Aktivkohle-Wundauflage

Pansement au Charbon Actif et Argent

Medicazione in Carbone Attivo con Argento

Actief Koolstofverband met Zilver

10 / 10.5cm x 10.5cm



Für infizierte Wunden –
breite antibakterielle Wirkung

Pour les plaies infectées –
large spectre anti-microbien

Per ferite infette –
largo spettro antimicrobico

Voor geïnfecteerde wonden –
breed antibacterieel spectrum



Johnson & Johnson

Wound Management

10x10.5cm
14 NOUVELLES FORMES
ACTISORB FORMULÉE
VÉRIFIÉE PAR ARGENT

Antibacterial:
silver + active carbon



Dried alginates





Right

10-12-2004





Right

17-12-2004



Left

4-02-2005



L



R

R





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Fistule to abscess

2007



L 01-11-2007



R 01-11-2007

Indische neushoorn?, O
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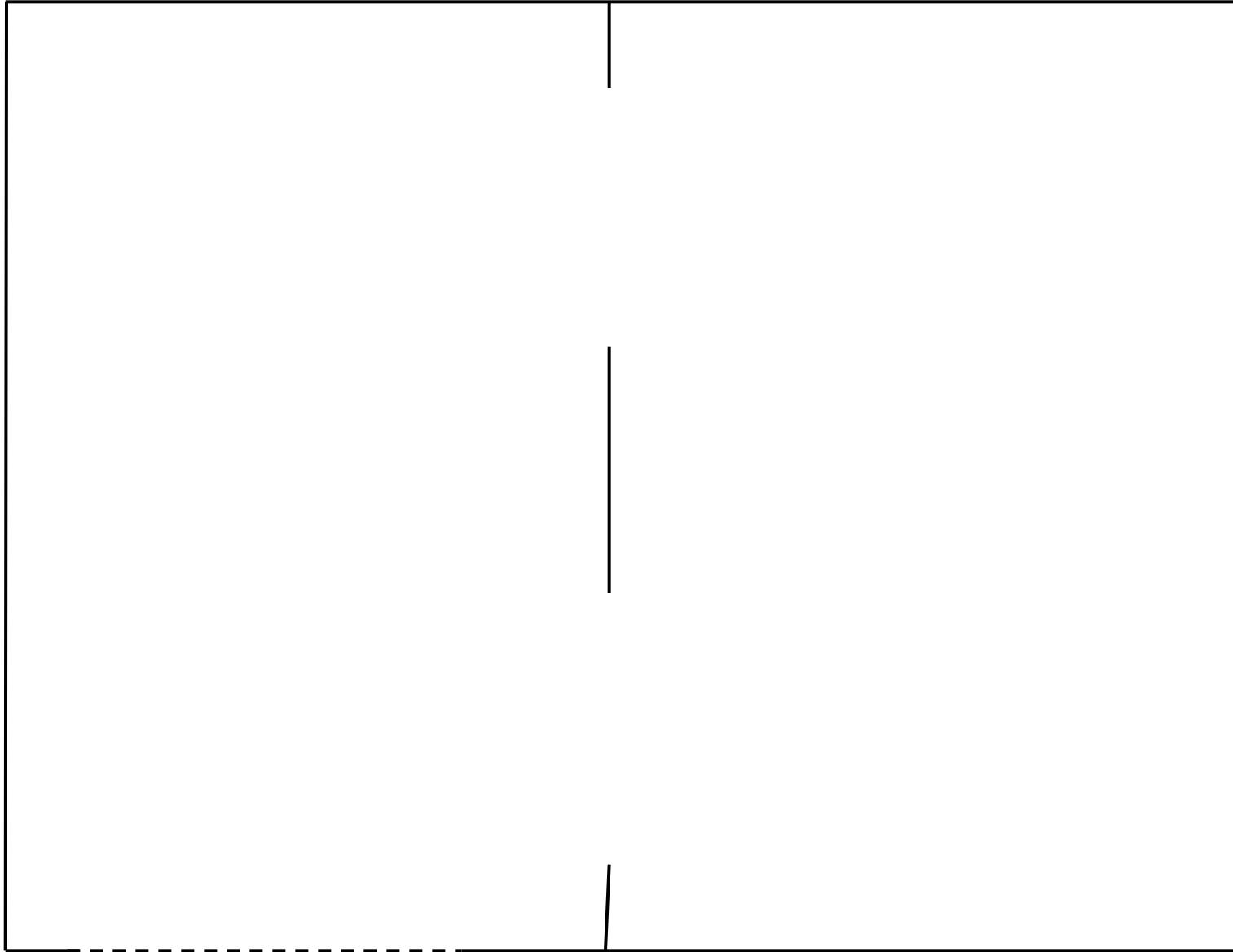


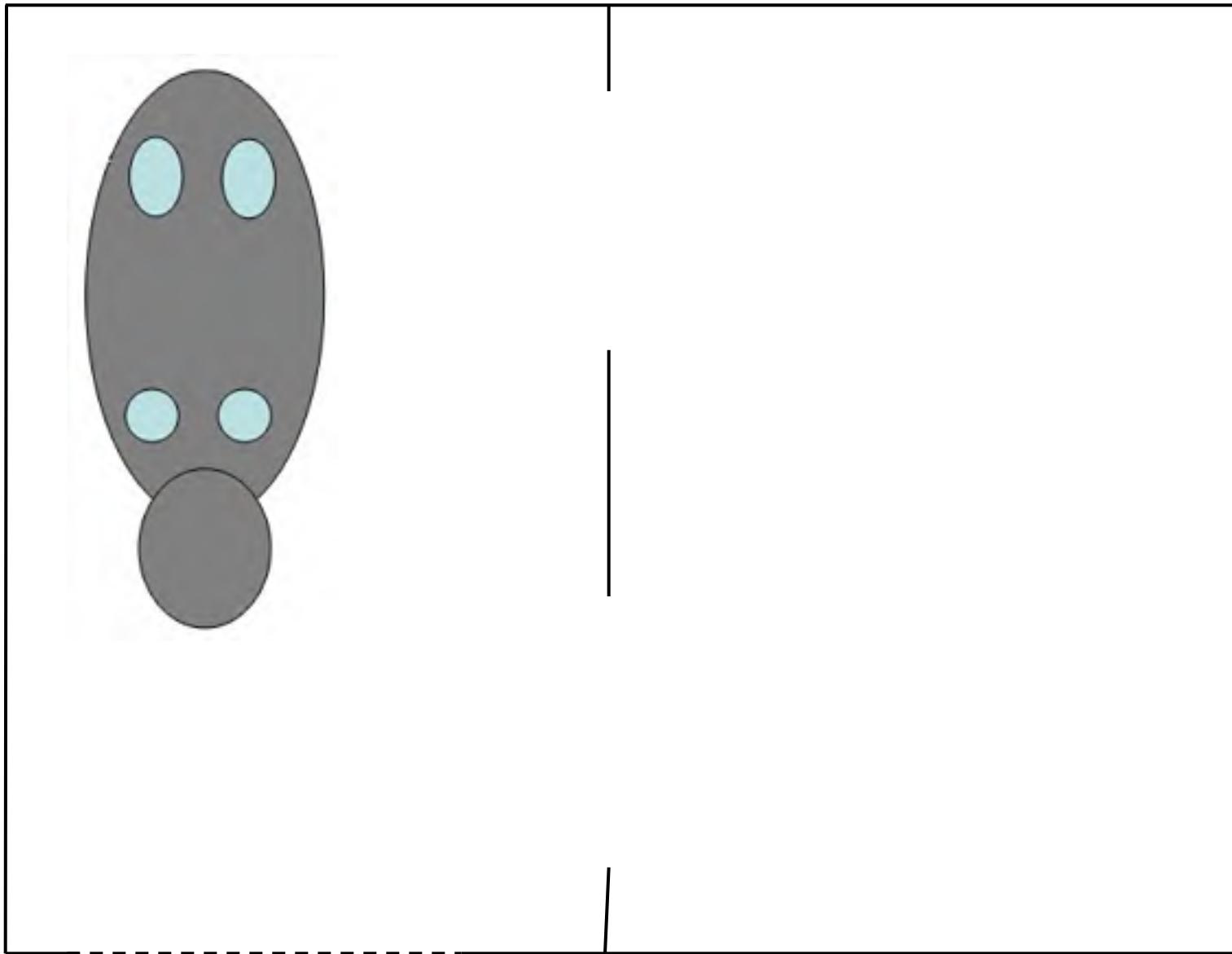


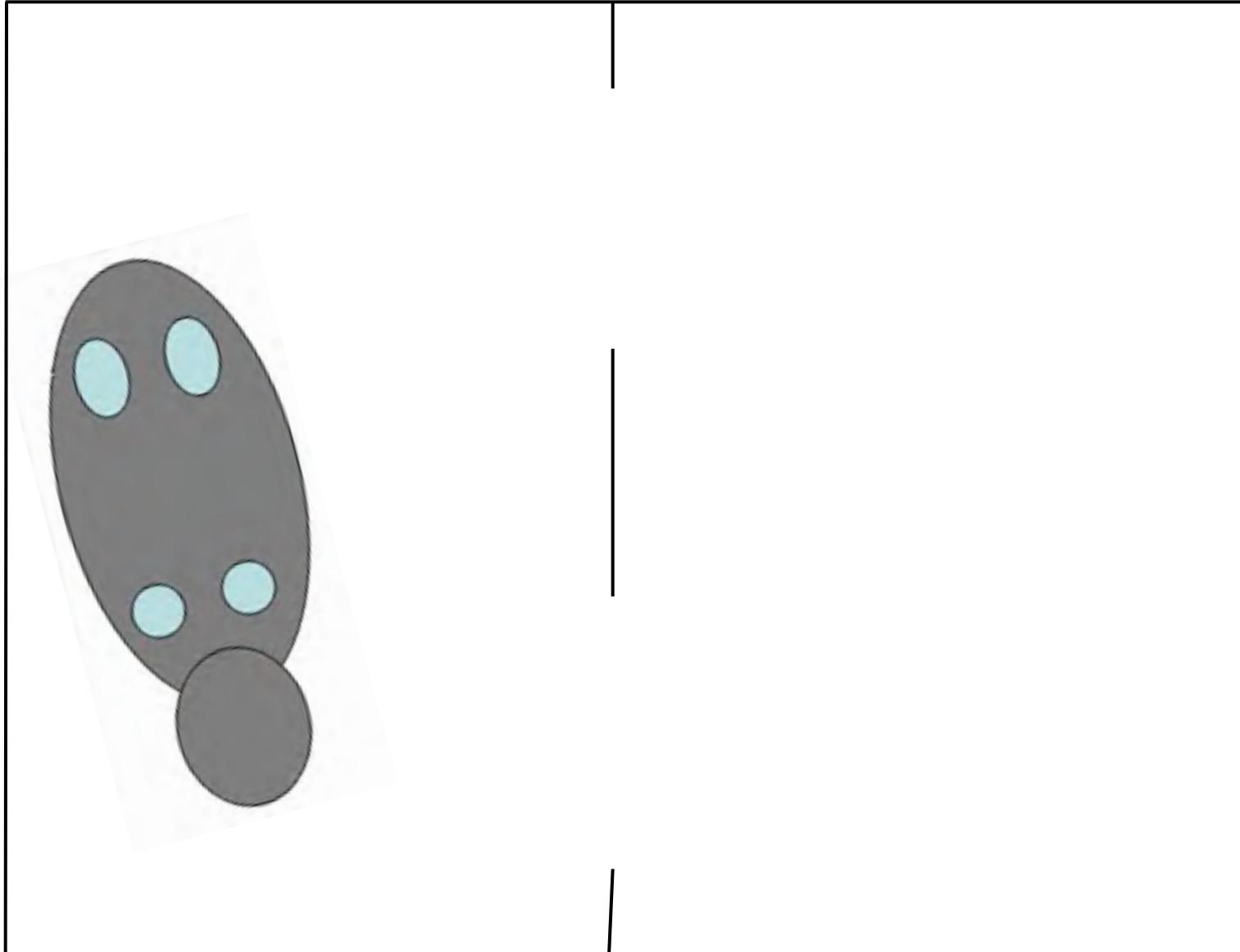


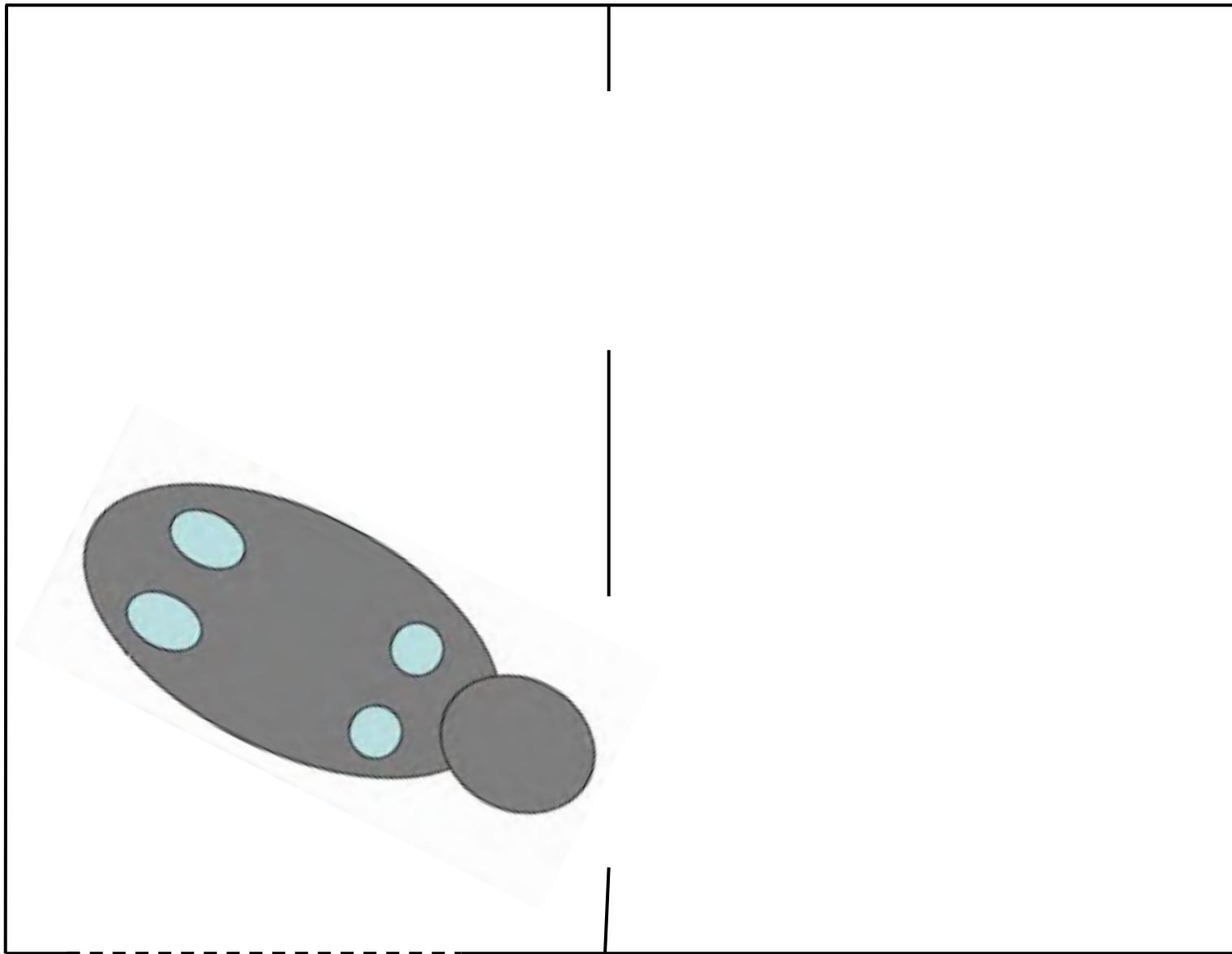


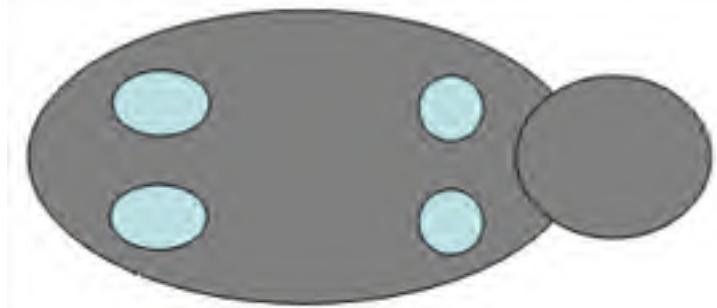


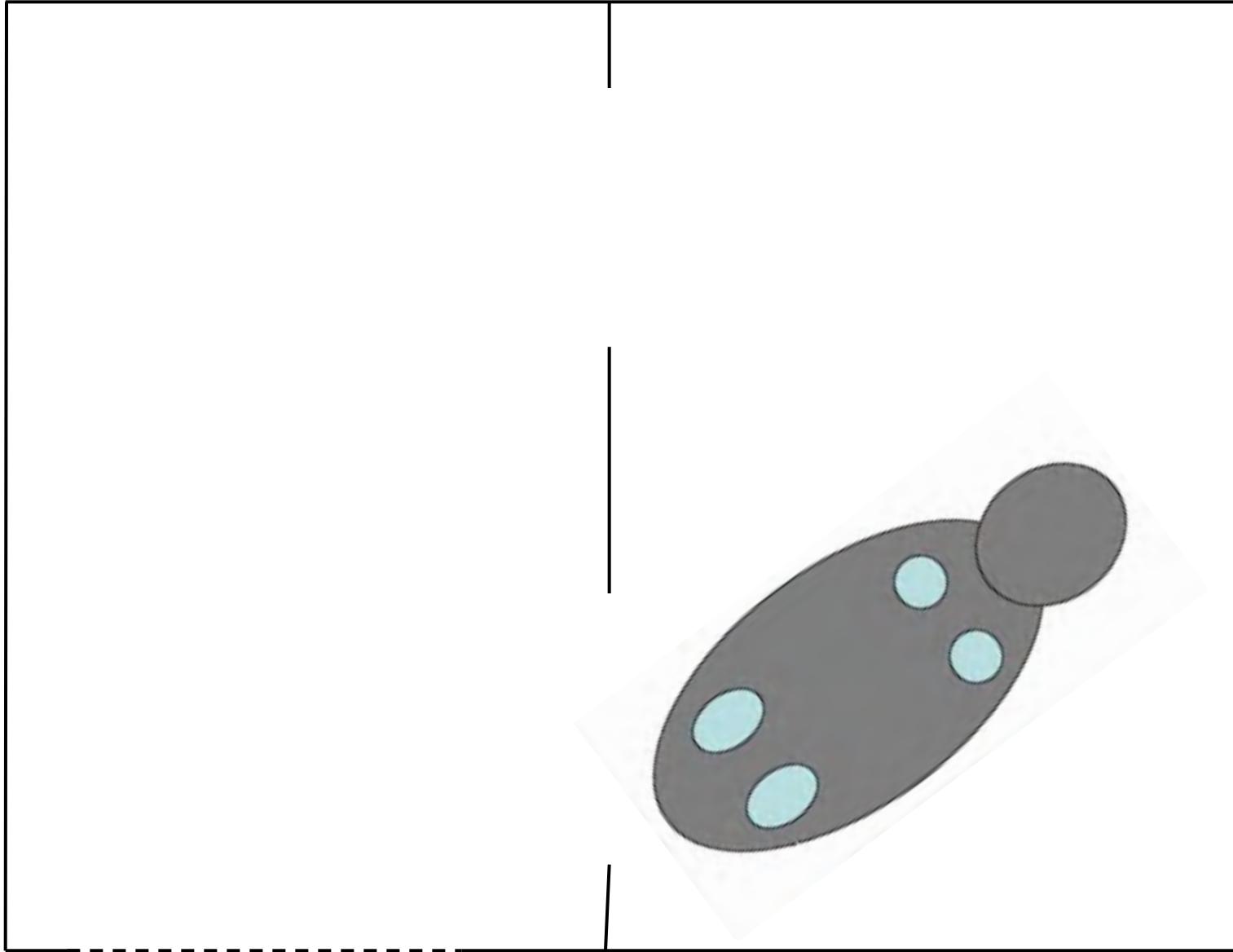


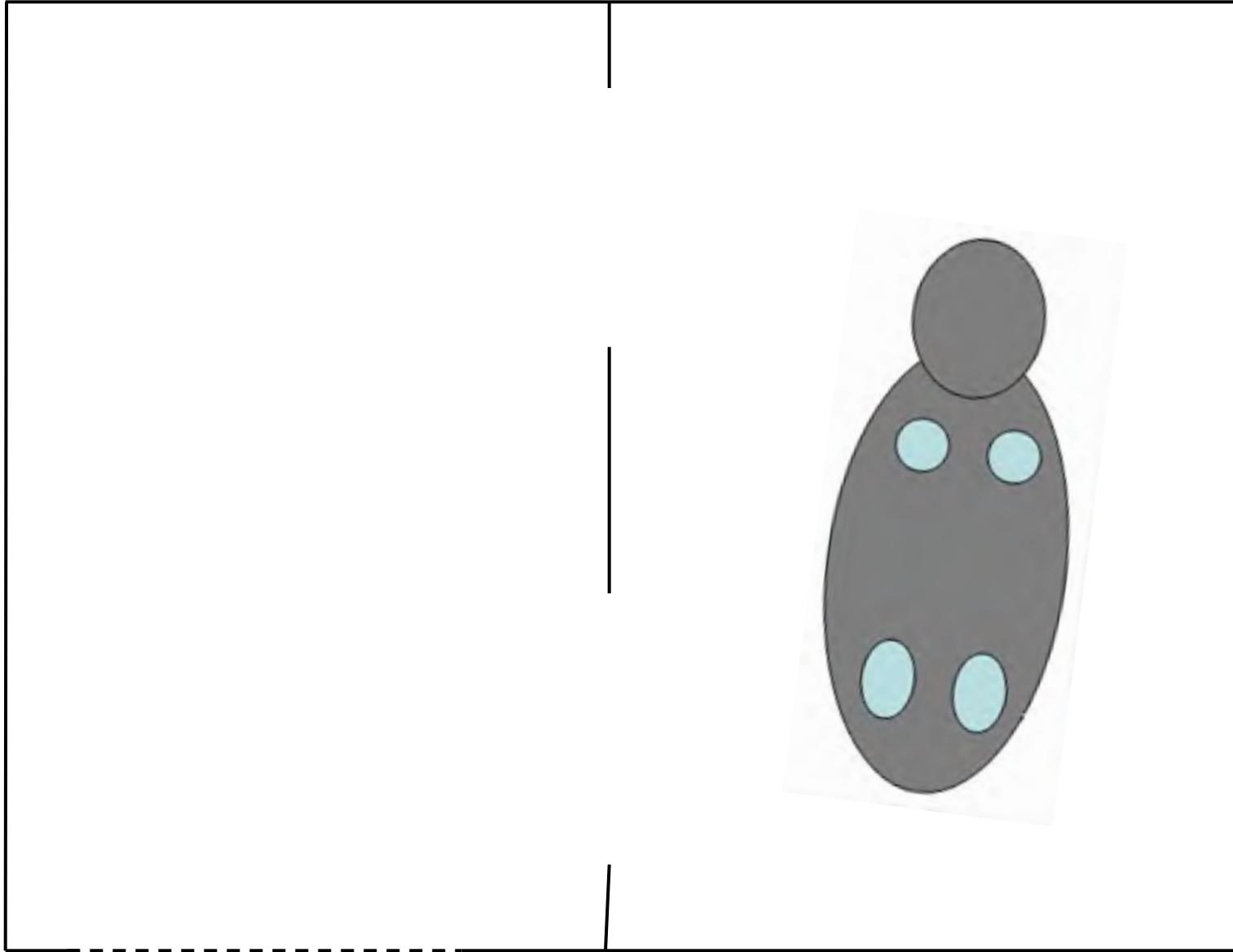


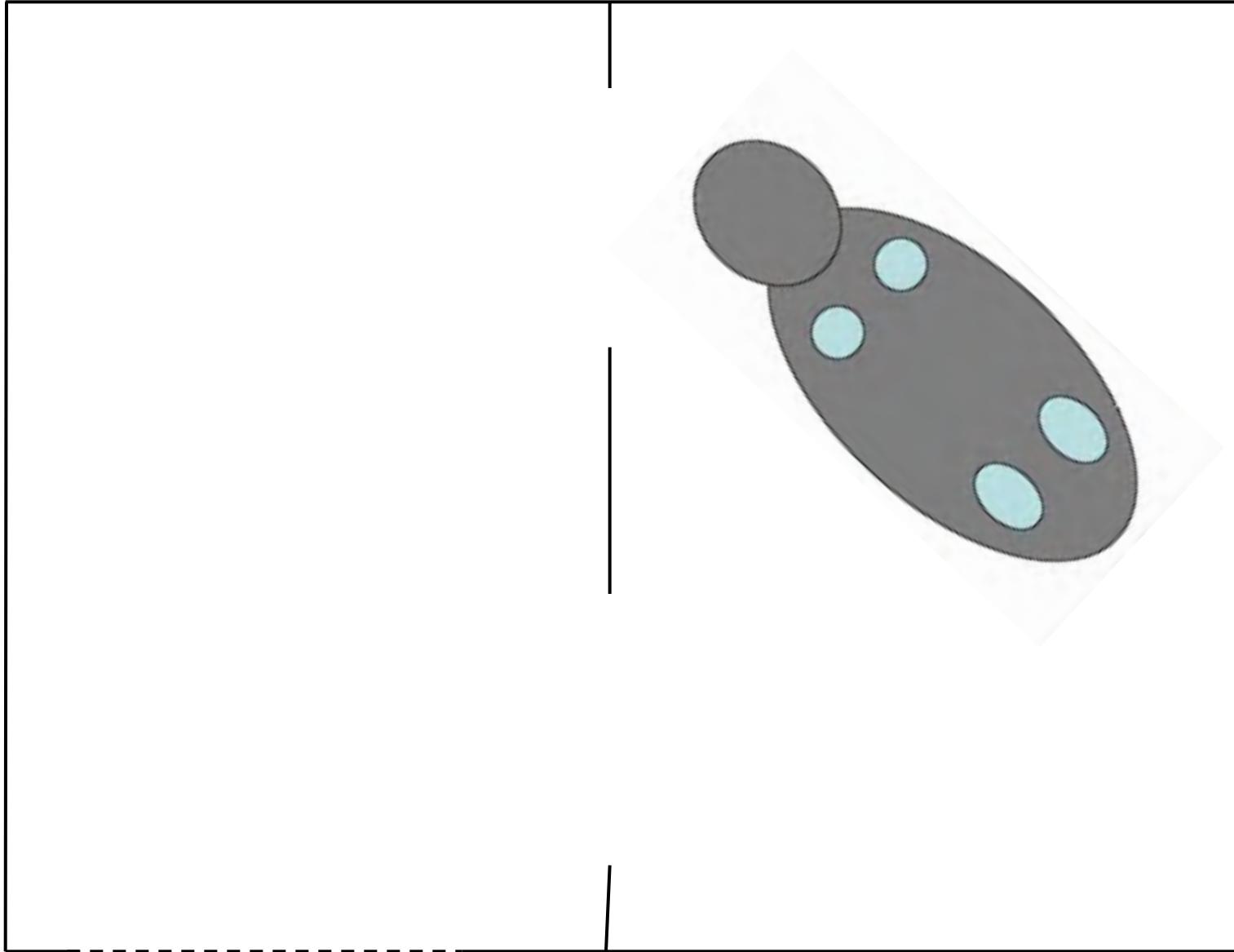


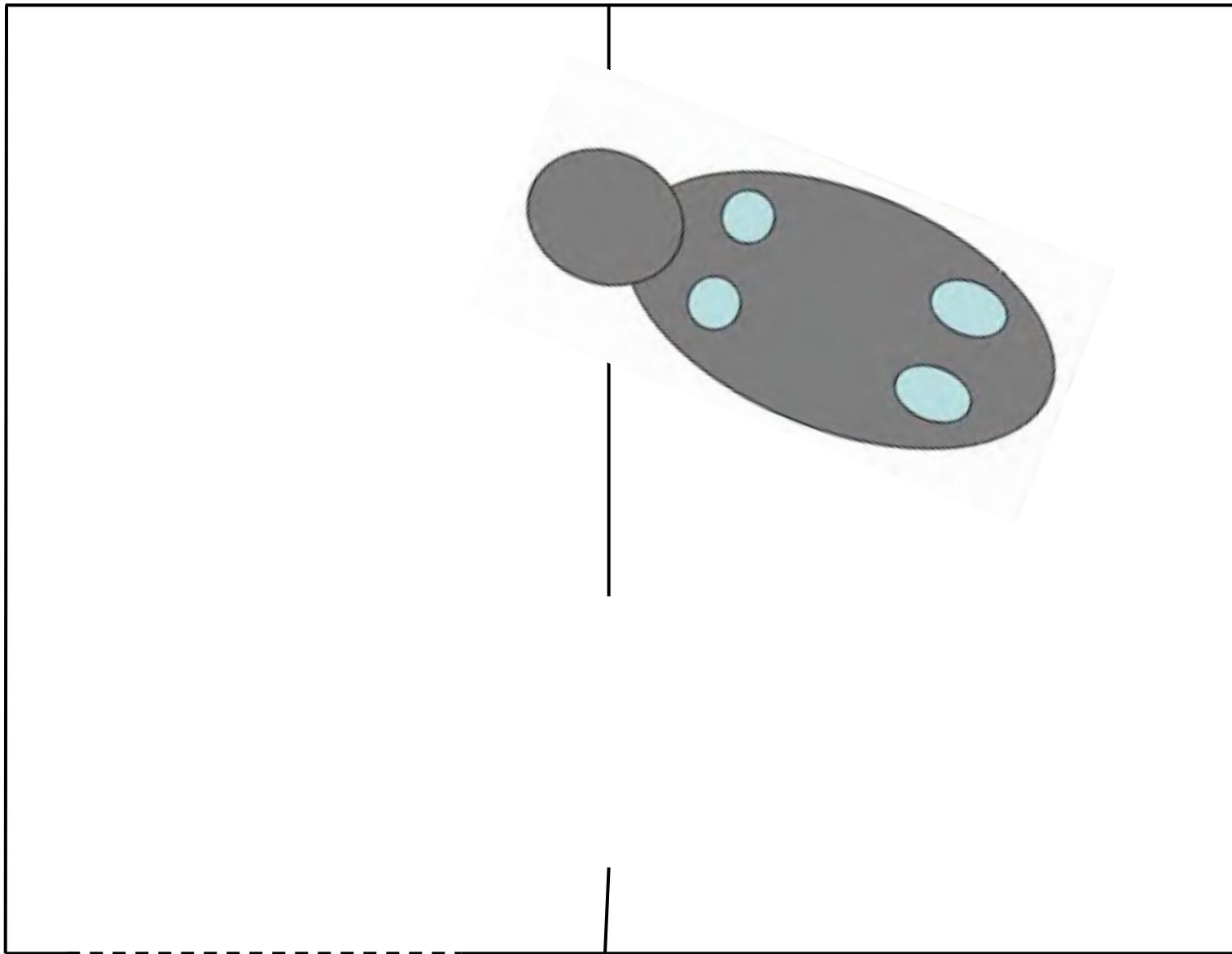


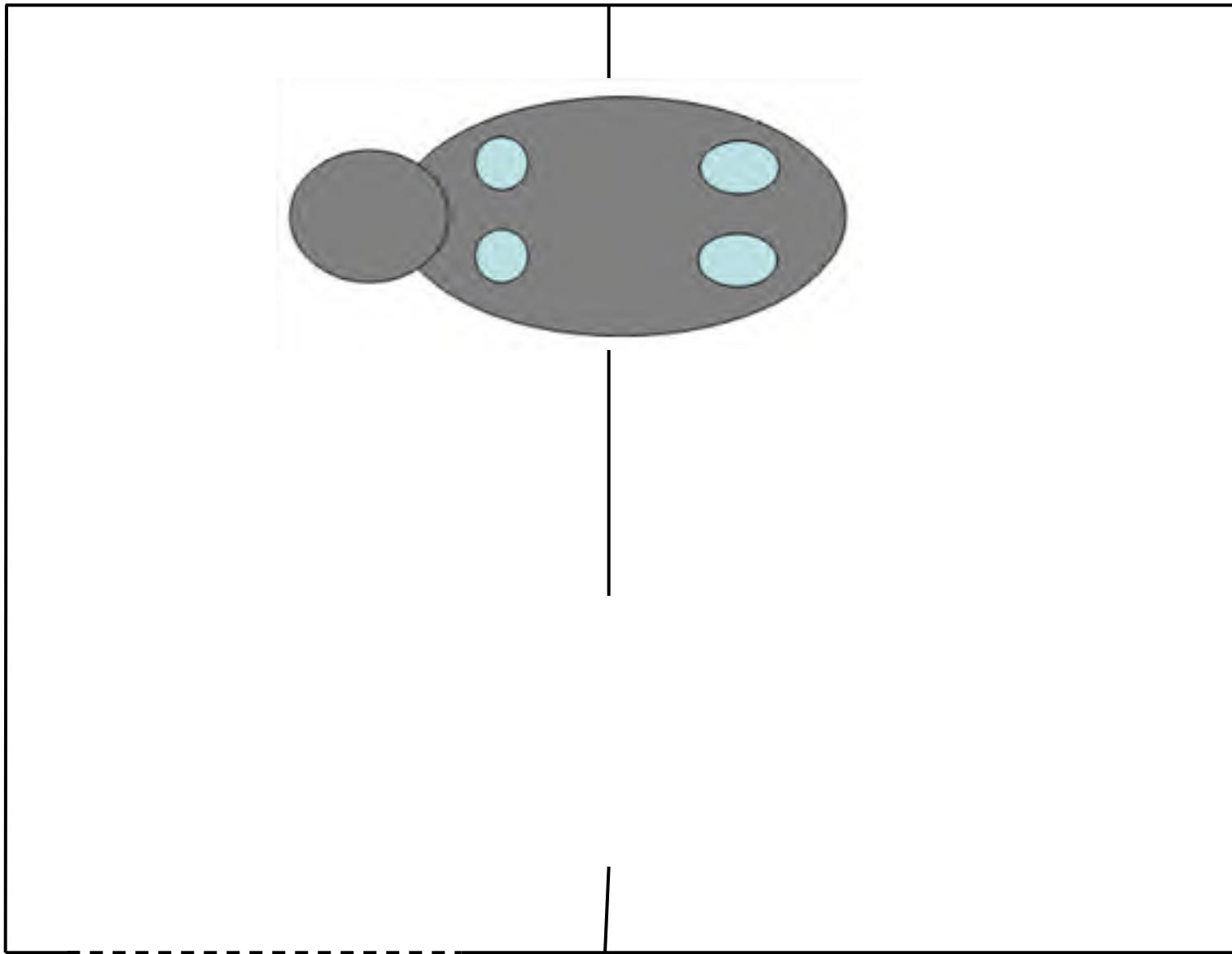


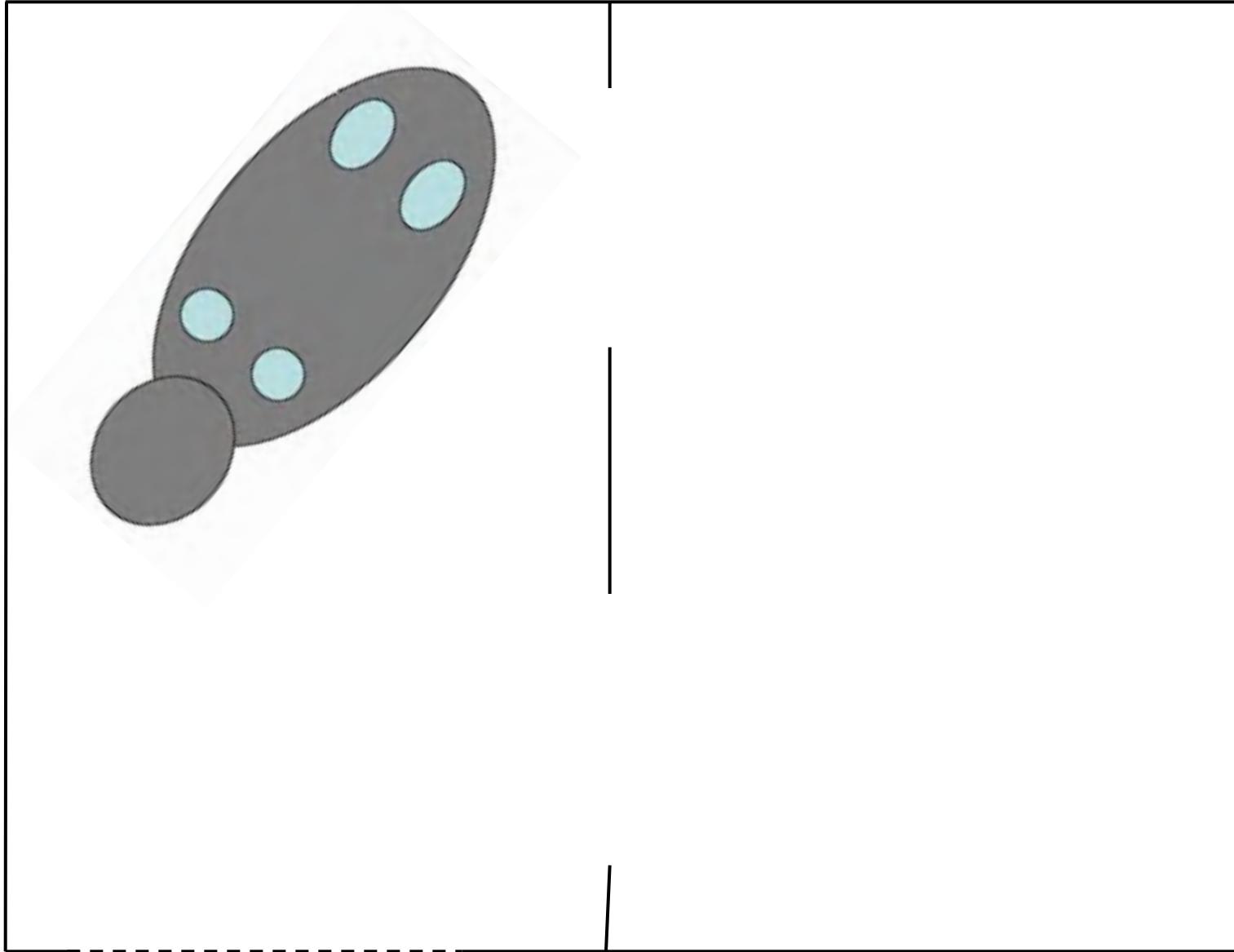
















Bertus, 2008





Bertus, 2010





Frederique von Houwald

- Nico: 8 anesthetic events in 9 years
- Namaste: 26 anesthetic events in 12 years. Since 1 year: 2x/week pedicure.
- Factors of influence:
 - Moisture / soft ground / local pressure
 - Water access (weight relieve)
 - Nutrition (biotine,.....?)

It's a privilege to work
in this great
team!

Thank you!







A close-up photograph showing the lower part of two elephant legs. The skin is thick and wrinkled, with a mottled brown and grey color. The feet are large and textured. The background is dark and out of focus.

Nico, 2009

Spain