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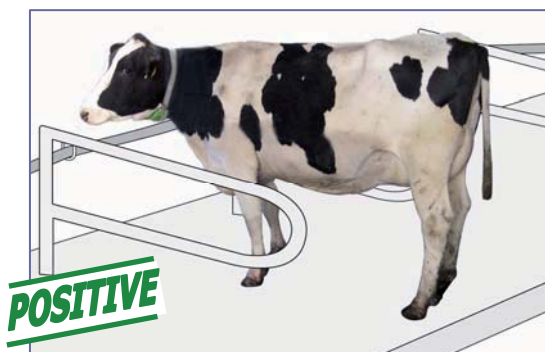
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## STANDING COMFORT

Standing is a rather unnatural behavioural pattern for cattle, because the wild ancestors of cattle were mostly on the move for foraging or were lying to ruminate. Standing however is unavoidable under housing conditions. **Cows stand for up to eight hours when the lying comfort is restricted, as well as during eating and milking. When the lying comfort is optimal, cows stand for about four hours – this is acceptable if the standing comfort is alright.**

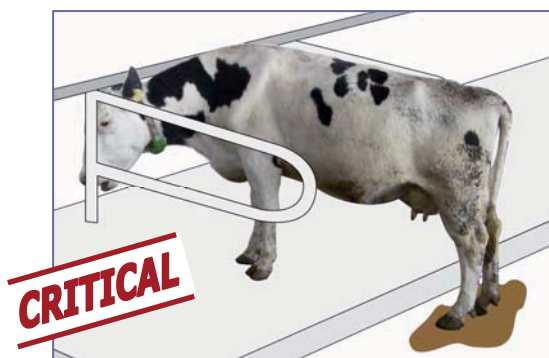
→ Standing must be absolutely claw-friendly, -i. e. soft and hygienically dry.

### 1) Standing comfort in the cubicle



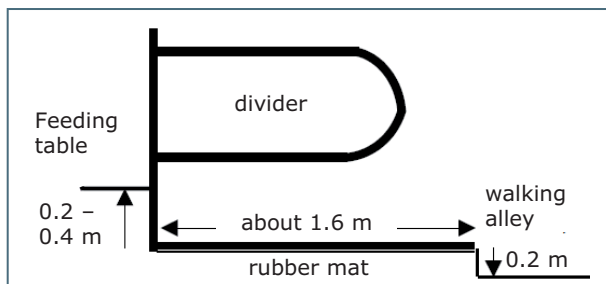
Cow stands with all 4 legs in the dry and soft cubicle and can ruminate with her head straight.

**Flexible neck rail about 100-110 cm high**



Cow stands with hind legs in the dirty walking alley behind the cubicle. An improperly positioned and rigidly connected neck rail hinders the cow from standing in the cubicle.

### 2) Standing comfort at the feeding table



feed stall with rubber cover for soft and hygienic standing during feed intake



left: feed stalls

Swedish study:

- clear reduction of claw diseases through feed stalls
- lower ranking cows are less often pushed away during eating
- scraper frequency can be higher without disturbing the cows during eating

(source: Bergsten, C., 2002)

### 3) Standing comfort during milking



rubber cover for soft and hygienic standing during milking