Figure 1  Lameness evaluation and treatment flow chart

**Elevate and examine foot of lame cow**

- **Is the foot swollen or is there a crack between the toes?**
  - Yes: Treat with systemic antibiotics according to the Rx Protocol written by the veterinarian
  - No: Recheck in three days if the lameness and swelling are not improved

- **Is there hairy growth on the heel of the foot?**
  - Yes: Clean lesions with water and iodine soap
  - No: Bandage with tetracycline powder according to the Rx protocol written by the veterinarian

- **Are there any black spots on the sole of the foot?**
  - Yes: Open the black spot and establish drainage for pus to move out; no bandage needed
  - No: Pare out all dead tissue

- **Are there blood spots, dead tissue on the white line?**
  - Yes: Apply a block to the good toe; bandage treated toe with tetracycline powder
  - No: Trim the foot; check for pain; recheck in three days if no improvement