

## BREAK A LEG: ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE IN MEDIEVAL EMDEN, GERMANY

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**Summary.** The presented study investigates the pathologically changed animal bones from medieval Emden, Germany. Conditions are described, interpreted and compared with material from Ireland (a regional study including several historical sites), Germany (early medieval Hedeby and its successor Schleswig) and The Netherlands (Roman settlement Tiel-Passewaaij).

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