AFFECTIONS OF FOOT IN WORKING HORSES – A REVIEW OF 20 CASES

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The study was conducted on 20 clinical cases that were presented to Madras Veterinary Teaching Hospital with history of lameness. The aetiology of lameness were multifactorial which included poor hoof management, improper shoeing and irregular hoof trimming. The foot affections that were recorded includes laminitis in four cases, thrush in seven cases, quittor, and hoof abscess in six cases podo-dermatitis, canker and sand crack each one case. Diagnostic investigations included radiography, ultrasonography and lameness assessment by gait. Antibiotic and tetanus toxoid were administered in all the cases. Pain management was done with Meloxicam. Periodical routine hoof trimming, proper balance of the foot and surgical management of the wound in the hoof provided recovery in these cases. Corrective shoeing was advocated along with footbath. The details of cases observed were tabulated and presented.