XVI. 13. DIAGNOSIS AND SURGICAL MANAGEMENT OF GASTRIC TRICHOBEZOARS IN A BUCK

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An unusual case of gastric trichobezoar and its etiology, diagnosis and surgical management in a goat is reported in this paper. A buck weighing 12 kg was presented to the Large Animal Surgical Unit of Madras Veterinary College Teaching Hospital with a history of distended abdomen, anorexia, pasty faeces with mucous coat and emaciation. Abdominal palpation revealed doughy
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mass in the rumen. Survey radiography showed no radio-opaque foreign body in the fore stomach. Contrast radiographic study with barium meal revealed numerous space occupying radiolucent round masses in the rumen and reticulum and the barium did not pass the abomasum. Twenty-two hairballs ranging from 2 to 5 cm in diameter from rumen and reticulum and three hair masses entwined with polythene sheets and rags blocking the pylorus of the abomasum were removed. The buck made an uneventful recovery after surgical removal of hairballs.