AVTCP CASE LOG

Case log # 1  Date: 10/04/2019  Patient ID: 648
Species/Breed: Bovine/Holstein-Fresian  Age: 3 years  Sex: Cow  Weight: 636.36 kg  BCS: 4/5
Diagnosis: Cow number 648 had been exhibiting signs of active labor with no progress. After aseptically preparing the patient for a vaginal exam it was determined that she had a uterine torsion. On rectal palpation it was determined that the calf was dead. Because the calf is dead, it is unlikely for labor to progress and for the calf to be delivered naturally. After discussing options, the owner elected for a cesarean section to be performed. Definitive diagnosis is a uterine torsion.

Treatment Plan: The uterine torsion is corrected by using vaginal manipulation or a rolling technique. Afterwards, the patient would remain standing and a left paralumbar fossa approach would be used for the cesarean section. The patient would be prepared for surgery by clipping the hair on the left side. The length of surgery site would extend from the 10th rib to the most caudal point of the paralumbar fossa. The width of the surgery site would extend from the spine to the ventral aspect of the flank. The patient would be prepared for surgery by clipping then scrubbing the surgery site three times with a betadine scrub, followed by providing analgesia by administering 36 ml 2% lidocain hydrochloride in a proximal paravertebral block along with a caudal epidural using 5 ml 2% lidocain hydrochloride. The surgery site would then be scrubbed three more times using a chlorhexadine scrub. Surgery would begin with an incision being made in the caudal third portion of the fossa entering the abdominal cavity. The uterus would then be exteriorized and an incision would be made into the uterus to remove the calf. The RVT would place OB chains around the calf’s fetlocks and the calf would be removed from the uterus in an upward-outward motion. Then the RVT would help exteriorize the uterus for removal of the placenta before closing the uterus. Once the uterus is sutured closed, it would be rinsed with two liters of sterile saline to help minimize adhesion formation. Next one liter of sterile saline infused with 20 ml of penicillin g procaine 300,000 units would be administered into the peritoneal cavity. The surgery would be completed once the abdominal muscles are closed in a three layer closure, and skin is sutured closed. After the surgery is completed the patient would receive 500 ml 50% dextrose solution IV q24h infused with 80 ml oxytetracycline hydrochloride 100mg IV q24h, along with two 1000 ml bottles of 7.2% hypertonic saline IV q24h, 2 ml oxytocin 20 IU IV qid for 24 hours, 20 ml flunixin meglumine 50mg IV q24h, and 20 ml dexamethasone 2mg IV q24h.. The owner should administer follow up care consisting of 25 ml ampicillin 25g IM q24h for three consecutive days. Sutures are to be removed in 14 days.

Advanced skills and procedures performed: Prepared the patient by clipping the hair and aseptically preparing the surgical site. Removing the calf from the uterus. Exteriorize the uterus and rinsing it. Infusing the peritoneal cavity. Administered the IV fluids, antibiotics, NSAIDS, steroids, and oxytocin.

Advanced skills and procedures assisted: Assisting with the manual rolling technique to correct the uterine torsion. Restraining the patient for the caudal epidural and proximal paravertebral block.

Outcome: The patient had an un-eventful recovery. At 65 days post-operatively the cow was diagnosed ready to breed during rectal palpation. Very few uterine adhesions were felt during the rectal palpation. Finally at 110 days she was confirmed pregnant.
Case log # 2  

Date: 10/06/2011  

Patient ID: 427  

Species/Breed: Ovine/Hampshire Cross  
Age: 8 months  
Sex: Ewe  
Weight: 36.36 kg  

Diagnosis: The patient was presented for single-leg lameness. The owner was concerned about the possibility of a fractured leg. Upon physical examination, a 2-inch nail was sticking out from the lateral aspect of the hoof wall.

Treatment Plan: The nail was removed from the hoof wall. The patient was administered 1ml of flunixin meglumine 50mg IV q24h and 3 ml ceftiofur hydrochloride 50mg IM q24h. A 2ml vaccination of clostridium perfringins type C and D and clostridium tetani was administered subcutaneously. The owner to give follow up care by administering 3 ml ceftiofur hydrochloride 50mg IM q24h for three consecutive days.

Advanced skills and procedures performed: Administering the patient 1 cc of flunixin meglumine 50mg IV q24h. Administering 3 ml ceftiofur hydrochloride 50mg IM q24h. Administered the subcutaneous injection of the clostridium perfringins type C and D and clostridium tetani.

Advanced skills and procedures assisted: Safely restraining the patient for the physical exam.

Outcome: Following three consecutive days of receiving 3 ml ceftiofur hydrochloride 50mg IM q24h, the patient no longer exhibited any symptoms of lameness. Nine months later the patient was exhibited at the county fair.
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Case log # 3  Date: 11/02/2011  Patient ID: 13

Species/Breed: Bovine/Herford  Age: 1 year  Sex: Heifer  Weight: 454.54 kg  BCS: 4/9

Diagnosis: The chief complaint from the owner was that his heifer was losing condition. Upon physical exam the patient’s temperature was 103.2 degrees Fahrenheit. She had three rumen contractions per minute. Respiratory rate was 12 bpm with no abnormal lung sounds heard. The heart rate was 60 bpm. She was reluctant to drop down during the grunt test. Tentative diagnosis was traumatic reticuloperitonitis also known as Hardware disease.

Treatment plan: An oral administration of a magnet. Owner to give follow up treatment consisting of 25 ml ampicillin 25g IM q24h and lactic acid bacteria 300g PO q24h.

Advanced skills and procedures performed: Proper placement of a baling gun and administering a magnet.

Advanced skills and procedures assisted: Safely restraining the patient and assisting with the physical exam.

Outcome: The patient returned to full feed consumption a few days following treatment. After several weeks her condition was acceptable, and she was sent to market.