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Management of post-partum uterine prolapse in a nondescript doe

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Abstract

A 2.5 year old post partum non descript doe was presented with history of hanging uterus outside. The clinical case was diagnosed as a total uterine prolapse. The animal was administered with 2% lignocaine at intercoccygeal joint. The prolapsed uterus cleaned thoroughly and replaced successfully. Suture was performed on the vagina. The animal was treated with antibiotics, anti-inflammatory, antihistamines and calcium borogluconate injections. The total uterine prolapse in a post partum non descript doe was treated and recovered successfully.

Keywords: Non-descript doe, post partum, uterine prolapse

Introduction

Total uterine prolapse common in all species. It is more common in cow and ewe, less common in doe and rare in mare (Roberts, 1986)^[1]. Uterine prolapse is an eversion of uterus which turns inside and it passes through vulva. It occurs immediately after few hours of parturition when cervix is open and uterus lacks tonicty (Hanie, 2006)^[8]. Prolpase is visible as a large mass protruding from vulva often hanging down below the animals hock (Roberts 1982)^[3]. Normally occurs third stage of labour when the foetus expelled and foetal cotyledons expelled from the maternal caruncles (Noakes *et al.*, 2001; Sonu S. Nair *et al.*, 2019)^[4, 5]. Several factors are responsible for uterine prolapse but in most cases, identification of the responsible factors is difficult (Jackson, 2004)^[6]. Animals with uterine prolapse treated promptly recovers without complication while delay in treatment could result in death of animal in a matter of hour or so from internal haemorrhage caused by the weight of the organ which tears the mesovarium (Noakes *et al.*, 2001)^[4]. One of the most common complications associated with uterine prolapse is toxemia which occurs mostly due to fecal contamination of the prolapsed uterus (Bharti and Rajnish, 2014)^[7]. This case report presents successful management of total uterine prolapse in a post partum non descript doe.

Case history and clinical observations

A post partum total uterine prolapse was presented with everted uterus hanging from vagina (Figure: 1). Foetal membrane was found to be attached to the uterine caruncles. Respiratory and heart rates were within the physiological range. Conjunctival membrane was congested. Temperature slightly increased at 39.2 °C.

Treatment and Discussion

Goat was administered with 1.2 ml of 2% lignocaine injection epidurally. Prolpased uterus was washed gently with normal saline and the foetal membranes were separated manually from the maternal caruncles. The mass was washed with saturated salt solution followed by application of POP-IN spary (Natural Remedies). The mass was reduced and washed potassium permanganate solution. The animal was kept in standing position and the prolapsed mass was replaced into pelvic cavity by gentle handling and manipulations to avoid the uterine tear. After repositioning of the uterus, vulval retention suture was performed. The animal was injected with Inj. Enrofloxacin 5mg/body weight, Inj. Melaxicam 0.5mg/body weight, Inj. Chlorphenaramine maleate 1ml, Inj. Calcium borogluconate 80 ml and Inj.Tetanus toxoid 0.5 ml were given. Animal was recovered completely. Prolapse occurs within few hours after parturition. Total uterine prolapse case is emergency case and attention to be taken immediately. Management corrections are very important to avoid hemorrhage and shock. The

Corresponding Author: Manikandan R Ph.D., Scholar, ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar, Uttar Pradesh, India uterine prolapse can be replaced with the animal in standing or recumbent position (Hanie, 2006) ^[8]. Once the uterus is replaced, the operators hand should be inserted to the tip of both uterine horns to be sure that no remaining invagination could incite abdominal straining and reprolapse (Fubini and Ducharme, 2006) ^[9]. If the uterus is completely and fully replaced all the way to the tips of the uterine horns, the prolapse is unlikely to occur (Hanie, 2006) ^[8]. Injectable antibiotics administered for three to five days to prevent the secondary complication (Sonu S. Nair *et al.*, 2019) ^[5]. Complications develop when lacerations, necrosis and infections are present or when treatment is delayed. Shock, hemorrhage and thromboembolism are potential sequelae of a prolonged prolapse (Noakes *et al.*, 2001) ^[4].



Fig 1: Total uterine prolapse in a post-partum doe.

Conclusion

Total uterine prolpase is an emergency condition and should be treated immediately. The treatment of uterine prolapse is replacement of the organ followed by a method to keep it in a retained position. Success of treatment depends on the type of case, the duration of the case, the degree of damage and contamination. The total uterine prolapse in a post partum non descript doe was treated and recovered successfully.

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