

IT'S YOUR CASE

Species: Canine Breed: Corgi Sex: Female Entire Age: 3 years

Clinical History:

non-productive labor for approx. 8 hours. Produced 3 puppies. Prior radiographs confirmed 6 puppies total (3 still within the uterus); fetal heart rates are 220 bpm; Mae is BAR and stable

Details of study and technical comments: Three view radiographs of the abdomen.

Diagnostic interpretation:

A gravid uterus is confirmed and there are five puppies, the most caudally situated puppy has its pelvis at the cranial aspect of the pelvic canal (orange circle) with at least one hindlimb extended cranially. The visualized fetuses skull bones maintain normal alignment, there is no intravascular, intracavitary gas noted with any of the fetuses, fetal positioning implies appropriate muscle tone. The gravid uterus creates mass effect, there is cranial displacement of the stomach and intestine. Minimal gastrointestinal contents are noted. There is limited abdominal serosal detail. There is minor enlargement of the mammary chain. Limited assessment of the caudal thorax is within normal limits. The included skeletal structures are within normal limits.



Conclusions:

- 1. Five puppies, including a likely breech positioned puppy at the pelvic inlet
- 2. No signs of fetal maceration/death (ultrasonography is a more sensitive tool for assessing fetal distress or early death)



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