Practical's applications of ultrasonic imaging in reproductive biology of Mares .

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Real - time ultrasonography has become an essential diagnostic tool as well as a research tool in veterinary sciences because it provides information beyond trans-rectal palpation of the reproductive organs. In many cases, rectal palpation has been replaced by trans-rectal ultrasonography for pregnancy determination, and diagnosis associated with uterine and ovarian infections



More recent applications in reproduction include: 1) *monitoring follicular changes and predicting ovulation*.

2) confirmation of ovulation and evaluation of corpus luteum morphology;

3) estimating the stage of the estrous cycle

4) diagnosing ovarian irregularities and pathology;

5) detection of twins , embryo reduction and sex determination;

6) determining embryonic death

7) Evaluation of uterine pathology

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l-Early pregnancy diagnosis by using U.S

Trans-rectal sonography can be recommended in mares and cattle , in MARES reliable diagnosis is sometimes possible between day 11 and 13. the most important reason for early pregnancy examination is probably the detection of twins, twin pregnancies result in high rates of noninfectious abortion, stillbirth, neonatal mortality and significant delays in reproductive performance in mares



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VSH5(Model 2015)

Palm Ultrasound Scanner

7 inch TFT screen Pretty and very light Full digital imaging technology, crystal-clear Image Can work with backfat probe Low power consumption 2G Large volume storage image Built-in battery Solid shell and structure Waterproof(Optional)







Overall size: 216mm=142mm=22m Weight: 850gradh battery) Votersend: 1P65(reterral)





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Fig. 1.71: Twin pregnancy on Day 13. The two vesicles

2- SONOGRAPHIC IMAGES OF FOLLICLES:

Equine follicles are excellent subjects for trans-rectal imaging because they are large, filled with fluid and readily accessible. The following significant changes were found in the preovulatory follicle: increasing diameter, shape change from spherical to pear-shape or conical and increasing thickness of the follicular wall



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3-FORMATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE CORPUS LUTEUM :

One of the major uses of ultrasonography involves the immediate detection and evaluation of the luteal gland. The corpus luteum is detectable throughout its functional life during detructions and presence using 5 or 7.5 MHz transducer and high –quality scanner





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4-ULTRASONIC DIAGNOSIS OF FETAL SEX

The determination of sex of an equine fetus after 55 days of gestation .the ultrasonographic scanning performed between 55 and 90days of gestation, Involves finding the genital tubercle (precursor to the penis in *male* and precursor to the clitoris in *female*)And determining its location relative to other fetal structures .the genital tubercale appears as a hyperechoic bilobulated "equals" sign 2 to 3 mm in length .Note that the stricture Is near the umbilicus in the male fetus and near the tail in the female fetus







5- Detection of intraluminal uterine fluid using trans-rectal ultrasound imaging.

Transrectal ultrasonography provides a rapid, non-invasive method of assessment of the uterus.the large collections of fluid are attributed to pyometra or perhaps occasionally mucometra.the availability of ultrasound scanner would allow undisturbed visualization and estimation of the amount of purulent material in the uterus.





Ultrasonographic image of uterine fluid: normal fluid collection during estrus ;**anechoic.**



Ultrasonographic image of uterine fluid: **hypoechoic** with **hyperechoic** particles.



Ultrasonographic image of uterine fluid: **moderately echoic** with echogenic particles .



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