Uterus didelphys in a buffalo heifer: a case report


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Uterus didelphys or true double cervix is a congenital anatomical defect of the female genital tract of monotocous species, including cattle and humans (1). The defect is characterized by presence of completely separated cervixes, each one leading to a separate uterine horn. The condition has been attributed to failure of fusion of the caudal portions of the paramesonephric ducts during embryonic development, resulting in a double cervix or a divided uterine funds (2). These cases could conceive normally, but may show dystocia due to a fetal limb entering each cervical canal (3). Case reports of uterus didelphys in cows are sporadic (4,5).

In the present case and during routine collection of reproductive tracts from Mosul abattoir a uterus didelphys was diagnosed through the post mortem examination of the reproductive tract of a buffalo heifer. Macroscopically, the genital tract had two cervical canals without any connections between them; they were separately opened into separated uterine horns (Figure 1). This is the first record of such a case in buffalo cows.

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