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History

A spayed female domestic short-haired cat was adopted from the Humane Society at 18 months of age. During the next eleven months she experienced three episodes of hematuria. The first two episodes were responsive to antibiotic therapy. During the third recurrence, radiographs were obtained to rule out the presence of cystic calculi.

Figs. 1 and 2 are ventro-dorsal and lateral survey views.

Diagnosis

Intravesical Foreign Body.

Comments

To determine if the foreign body was located within the bladder both negative and positive contrast cystograms were performed. Figs. 3 and 4 show the foreign object surrounded by air. In Fig. 5, the foreign body is obscured by the contrast medium, but it is clearly seen in the lateral view, Fig. 6.

Upon cystotomy a small caliber bullet was removed from the cat’s bladder. No entry scar could be seen either in the abdominal wall or in the bladder wall. Factitious insertion of the object cannot be ruled out. The hematuria resolved completely after surgical removal of the bullet and the cat is asymptomatic one year later.

References


