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Serum glutamic oxaloacetic transaminase (SGOT) was elevated in both cases, but greater in the second case. This would likely be from the adhesions of the uterus seen on post mortem, since skeletal muscle has quite a high concentration of SGOT compared to smooth muscle. The blood creatinine was also elevated in the second case. The normal creatinine level is 1.39mg% ± .18(6).

**SUMMARY**

With hydrops allantois cases one must consider the value of the cow and the probable value of the calf. If the calf has excellent bloodlines, and is near term, daily observation of the dam is required to save both the dam and possibly the calf. But the health of the dam is diminished by waiting too long. So, if the health of the dam is of utmost importance then a cesarean section should be performed as soon as the diagnosis is made. There is a possibility that both the dam and foetus will survive, but this is quite low at the present. There are no simple laboratory tests for diagnosis, so observation and examination of the dam is important.*

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The authors of this text have assumed the revision of the widely used second edition of Miller's *Meat Hygiene*. It is only natural that a hard-bound edition of this subject suffers from the intrinsic inability to stay current with all the changes in legislation. Yet, the foundations of meat inspection and sanitation expressed within make this a valuable book for the student and valuable for the practicing veterinarian who may now be facing food inspection supervision as a result of new local or state laws.

This revision includes a new chapter on humane slaughter and expands the chapters on ante-mortem and post-mortem inspections. There are major revisions in the topics trichinosis and food-borne illness. The book is well documented with examples, tables, and high quality photographs. The chapter on post mortem inspection is especially enriched by photographs of both gross and histopathological lesions.

The appendix will serve to provide useful guidelines for the meat inspector with respect to plant sanitation, inspection legislation and food wholesomeness.

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