ASSESSMENT OF CLINICAL PARAMETERS, SYNOVIAL FLUID AND HAEMOGRAM OF GOATS WITH SIGNS OF CAPRINE ARTHRITIS ENCEPHALITIS VIRAL (CAEV)

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Blood values and synovial fluid were assessed in CAEV-positive, Brown Alpine (14), Saanen (3) and Anglo-Nubian (2) goats. Body temperature, heart rates, respiratory rates and ruminal movements ranged with normal value to goats. A hypertrophy of pre-scapular lymphnodes in 91% goats was observed. Blood values showed the following average and standard error: erythrocytes (10±0.89 X 10⁶/mm³); PCV (22.2±1.5%); haemoglobin (6.8±0.5 g/dl); leukocytes (7,200±1,000/mm³); neutrophil bands (148.4±34.3/mm³); neutrophils (3,163.7±857.4/mm³); eosinophils (259.6±97.2/mm³); basophils (1.7±1.7/mm³); lymphocytes (3,995±345.3/mm³) and monocytes (293.6±72.7/mm³). Relatively low erythrocyte count components values are justified by parasitic infection with Haemonchus contortus. Carpal-metacarpal joints were the most affected ones (100%). These joints were swelled, and carpal and metacarpal circumference values showed 8.09±0.2 cm average differences. Synovial fluid in these joints had a 1.022±0.001 density, 3.21±0.18 g/dl total protein, 3,995±879.1/mm³ leukocytes and 25,695±15,012/mm³ erythrocytes. Erythrocyte and leukocyte values were high. They showed 90% of mononuclear cells.

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