

## **Histopathological Study of some Abnormalities of Infertility in the Queens**

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### **Abstract**

The present study deals with causes of infertility abnormalities in queens. The sample of the present study consists of eight of the female reproductive system of queens. The sample of this study was collected from queens of different places in Basra randomly. Then the female reproductive system of queens was completely removed by the operation of ovario-hysterectomy in which this operation was done weekly in the laboratory of surgery in Basra Veterinary Medicine. The female reproductive system was completely grossly diagnosed in order to know the infections in it. In addition, our study confirmed the importance of the ovaries and uterus in fertility of queens. The present study showed that six of the sample were uninfected in which the percentage was (75%); while two of the sample were infected in their ovaries and uterus in which the percentage was (25%). The result of the study showed that one of them has follicular cyst (12.5%) in ovary and endometritis (12.5%).

**Keywords:** Abnormalities, Infertility, Queens

### **Introduction**

Felines with reproductive genetic abnormalities have a variety of sexual differentials usually noted after puberty. Infertility is described as the inability of a queen to give birth to healthy kittens. There are several reasons, including inability to cycle, inability to mate, inability to conceive, or inability to bring a pregnancy to term (1). The steps of the female cat's estrous cycle are

often characterised and used inconsistently by different researchers. It is commonly categorised into five behavioural stages: proestrus, estrus, interestrus, diestrus, and anestrus (2). However, there may be four phases when interestrus and anestrus overlap (1, 3). It is possible for cats to have dysfunctional or nonexistent menstrual periods. There are many potential causes for this. A queen who never starts her first heat cycle may be diagnosed with chromosomal

problems, hermaphroditism, or faulty uterine or ovarian development due to hereditary or genetic reasons. The queen's atypical menstrual cycles might be the result of environmental pressures, drugs, or insufficient day duration. Additionally, ovarian cysts and tumours may interfere with the reproductive cycle of the cat via the secretion of different hormones. Other prevalent reasons of infertility or subfertility in this species include ovarian and uterine disease, uterine pathology, chromosomal abnormalities, and dietary variables (4)

Lesions of the ovaries, uterus, and vagina are prevalent in small animal medicine; they may have a significant impact on the normal reproductive potential of dogs and cats and pose a threat to the patients' overall health. Inclusion of serosa in bitches and queens, cysts, adenomyosis, and endometrial polyps are examples of cysts that arise from the uterine serosa, myometrium, or endometrium (5). In nations where cat owners often do not go to veterinary facilities for elective neutering, pyometra is a frequent disease (6). Progesterone stimulation results in either acute or chronic purulent endometritis. Progesterone stimulates the endometrial gland secretions and decreases the myometrial contractions which lead to fluid accumulation, followed by ascending uterine infection from vaginal bacteria (7, 8, 9, 10, 11). Most cases of the disease are seen during diestrus or false pregnancy, when progesterone is in charge for about 40 days. (12). In open pyometras, vaginal discharge may be noticed with mild, nonspecific clinical signs. However, in closed pyometra, sepsis, peritonitis, and even animal death may occur (6). The queen typically enters adolescence between the ages of 4 and 12 months (1), with the precise date dependent on the photoperiod, the breed, and the cat's weight (13). Seasonally polyestrous female cats have frequent estrous

cycles during mating season but long periods of anestrus during the colder months. If ovulation does not take place, the breeding season typically starts in January or February and lasts until late summer or early autumn (14). The female cat is an induced ovulator, with copulation resulting in the production of luteinizing hormone (LH), which leads to ovulation (15). This is true for the majority of queens, however spontaneous ovulation has been seen in up to 60% of female cats (16).

The average healthy queens reach sexual maturity well before 7 to 8 months (17) of age and begin an estrous cycle once every 4 to 12 months (18).

### **Materials and methods:**

The present study depended mainly on collecting the sample of the queens. Eight of the female reproductive system of queens. The sample was collected from queens of different places in Basra randomly. This had been done by removing the internal reproductive system through a surgical operation. The study started from December 2020 until February 2021 in the breeding season in which the materials of eight of the reproductive system of queens were collected during the period mentioned above. The work has been done in the laboratory of surgery and the laboratory of obstetrics in college of veterinary Medicine at University of Basrah.

The reproductive system of queens were grossly diagnosed by cleaning the female reproductive system using water to remove all the plankton such as dirt, blood and tissues. During the grossly diagnosis, it was seen that the infection of ovaries was clear and enlargement was noted on the right ovary. This ovary was totally removed and part of uterus removed and put in 10%

of formalin liquid to cut the tissue. By the diagnosis of tissue , it was seen that the ovary was infected in non-cancerous also noted infection in uterus, so we take specimen from infected uterus, put in 10% formalin .

**Histopathology procedure:** After being fixed for three days (48 hours in 10% formalin), the specimen was dehydrated in increasing concentrations of 50%, 70%, 95%, and 100%. After passing through a sequence of alcohol concentrations (70%, 80%, 90%, 100%, and 100%), the specimens were washed with xylene solution and embedded in paraffin wax at 55 degrees Celsius. After that, the blocking tissue was microtomed to a thickness of 5µm. The sliced paraffin block was placed on an albumin slide, stained with hematoxylin and eosin, and examined under a microscope after being placed in a 37°C water bath (19).

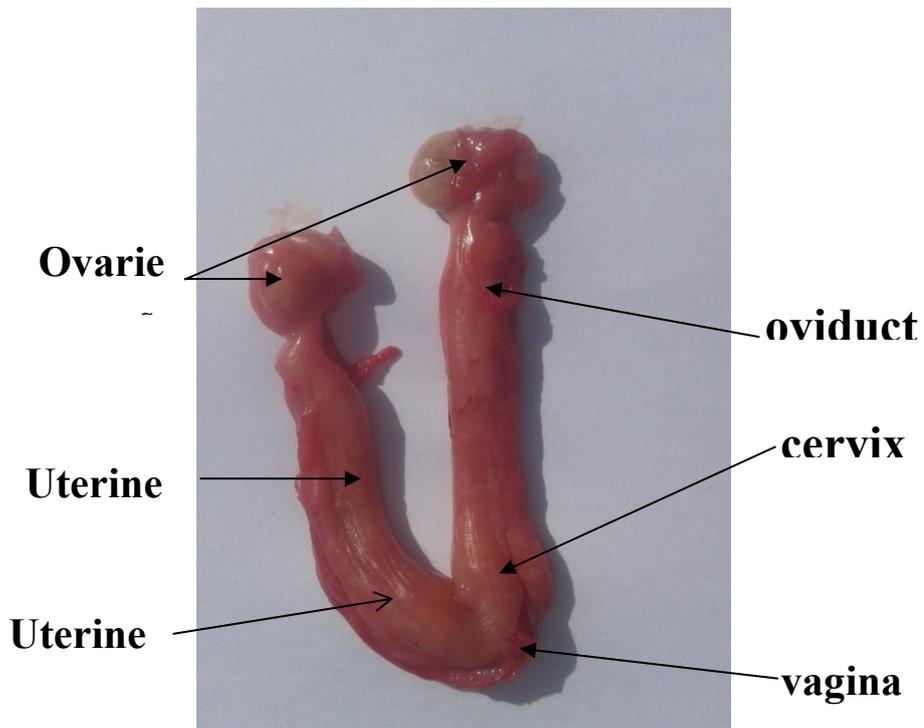
## Result

**Anatomical:** The female reproductive tract of the queens consists of the ovaries , oviduct, uterus, vagina, and valve, as in the Fig (1) .

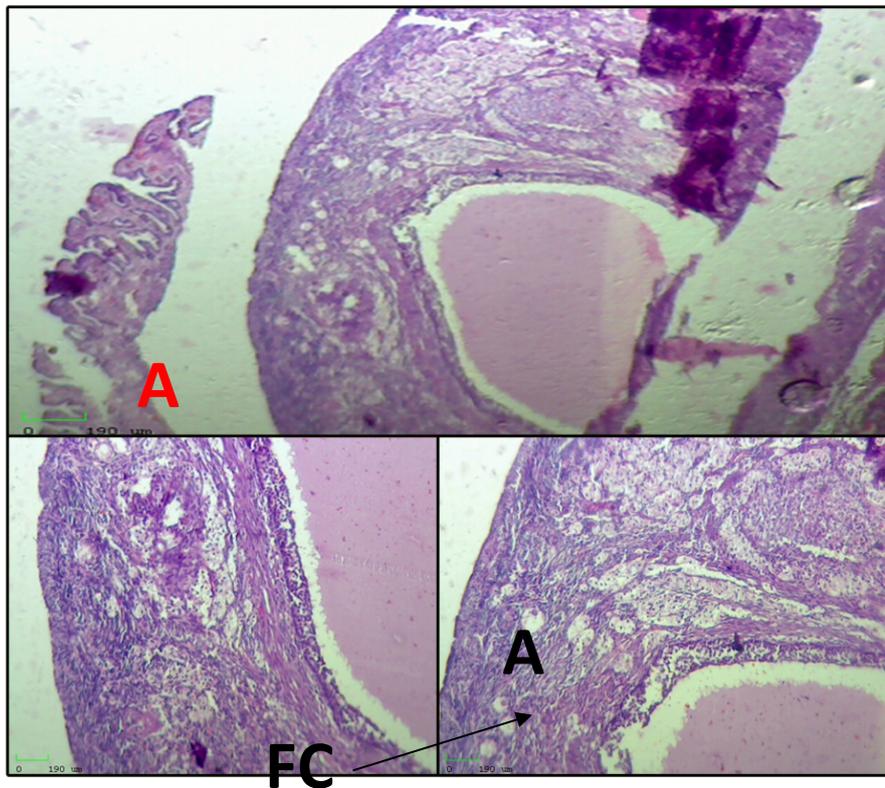
**Histopathological:** The result of examination eight specimens of queens reproductive system showed specimens abnormal as in table (1) cases which appeared affect in ovaries as in fig (2) ovarian cysts , they show follicular cysts also with fibrosis and fill with fluid and ataractic body fig (4,8,9). The secondary specimen show endometritis with hyperplasia of the epithelium cells , glands filled with secretion , also congested blood vessels and inflammatory cells in glandular layer and found edema and fluid in the muscular layer as in fig (3). The third specimen oviduct, show increase folded and projection , anther Section of oviduct, there are hyperplasia of epithelial cells fig (5,6).

**Table(1) frequency distribution of pathological condition**

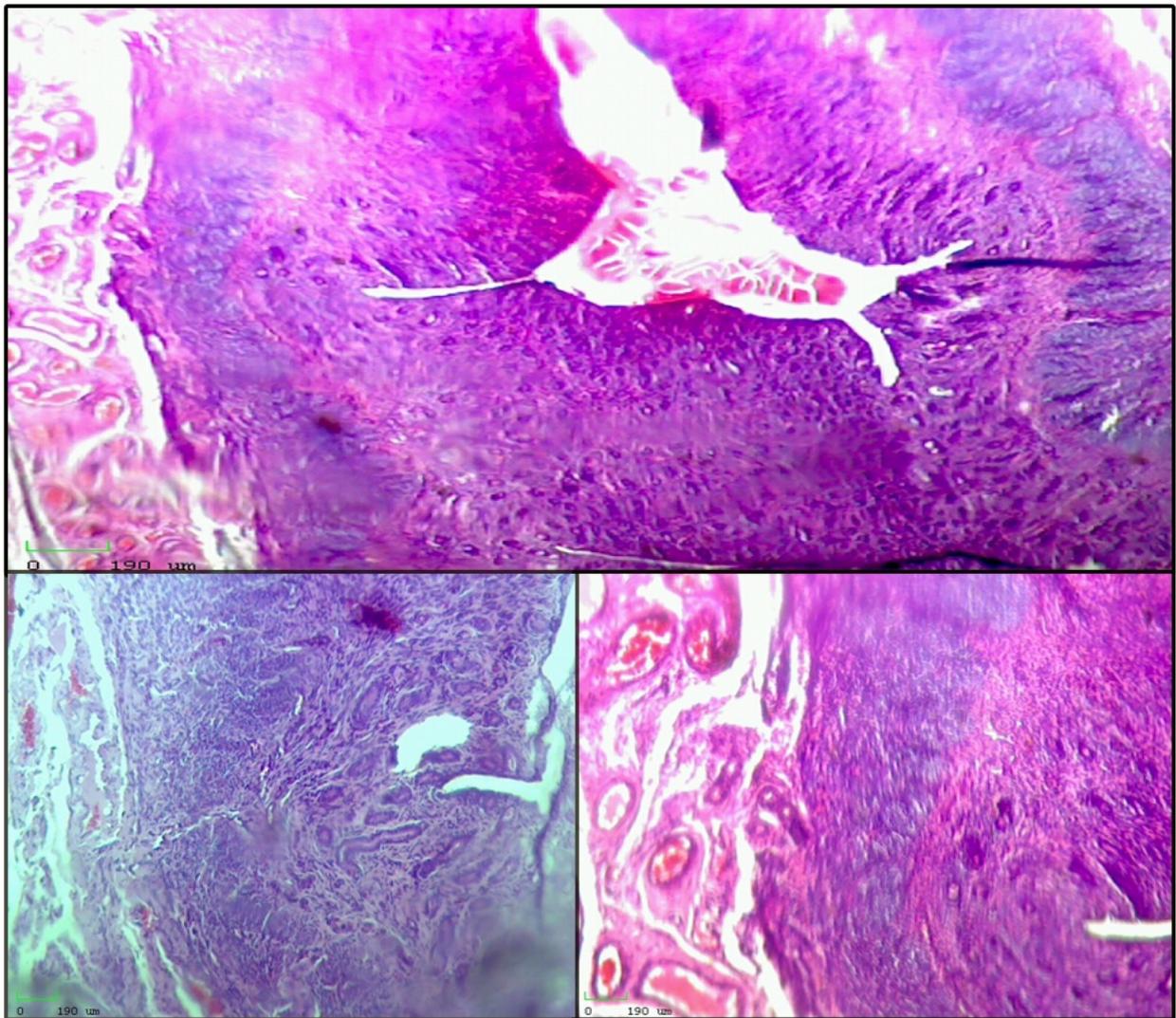
<u>Incidence</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>% of pathogenesis</u>
<b>Follicular cysts</b>	1	12.5%
<b>Endometritis</b>	1	12.5%
<b>normal</b>	6	75.1%
<b>Total of specimen</b>	8	



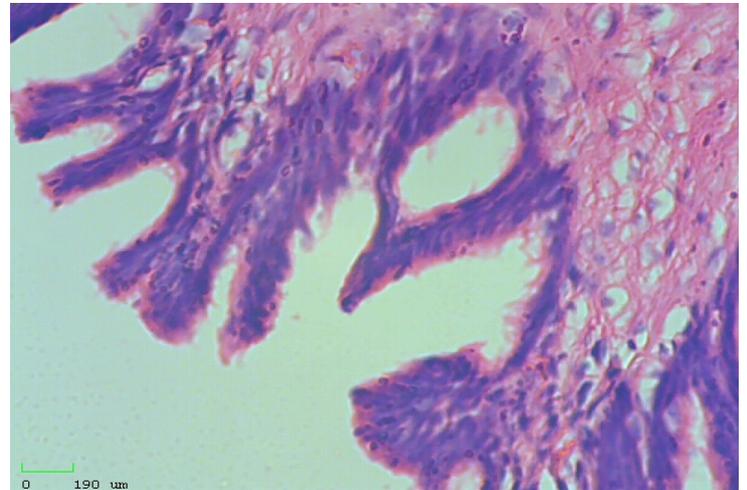
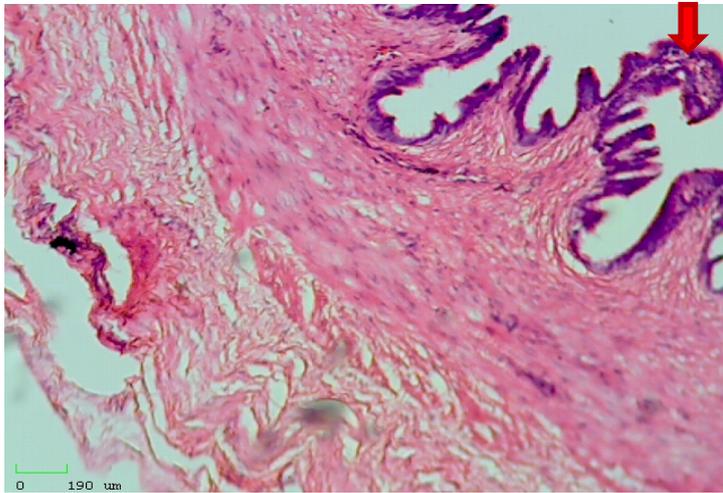
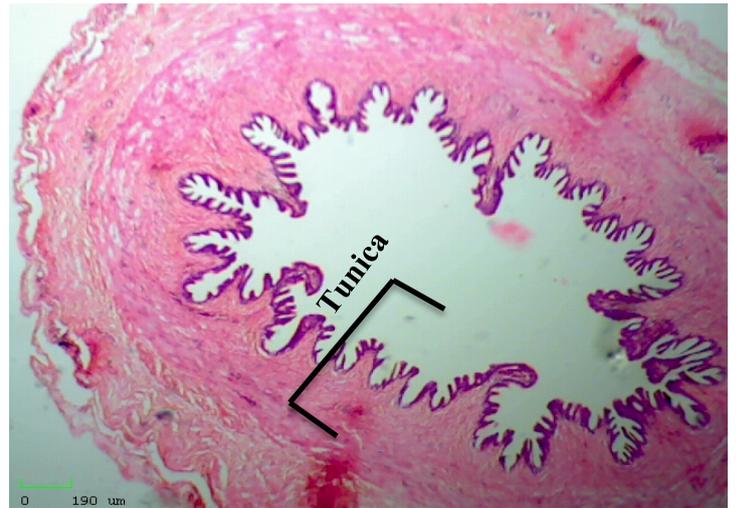
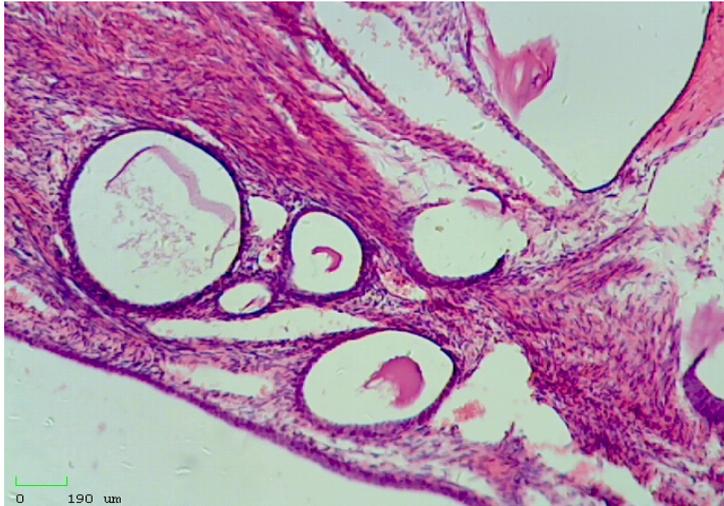
Figure(1) female reproductive tract in queen (Fossum and Hedlund,2007)



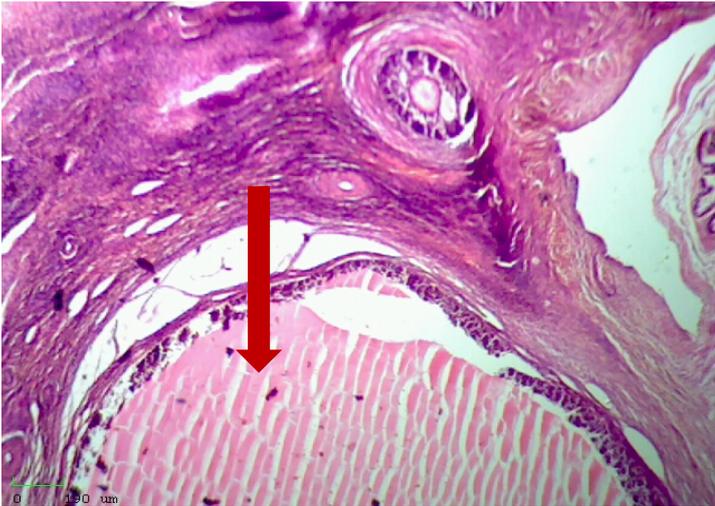
Figure(2), ovary show(A) follicular cyst(FC) ,(B) There are one layer of cells surrounded by fibrosis and fill with fluid(F) and(C) Ataractic body (A), (H&E10X).



**Figure(3) Uterus (A) Show endometritis , hyperplasia of the epithelium cells , glands filled with secretions(H)(H&E4X). (B) There are congested blood vessels and inflammatory cells in glandular layer (CO) (H&E 4X ). and(C) Found edematous and fluid in muscular layer (O)(H&E 10X).**



**Fig (4 ):** Section of ovary, cystic ovary (H&E 10X) **Fig (5 ):** Section of oviduct, show increase folded and projection (H&E 10X). **Fig (6 ):** Section of oviduct, there are hyperplasia of epithelial cells (H&E 10X). **Fig (7 ):** Section of oviduct, may be hyperplasia (H&E 40X)



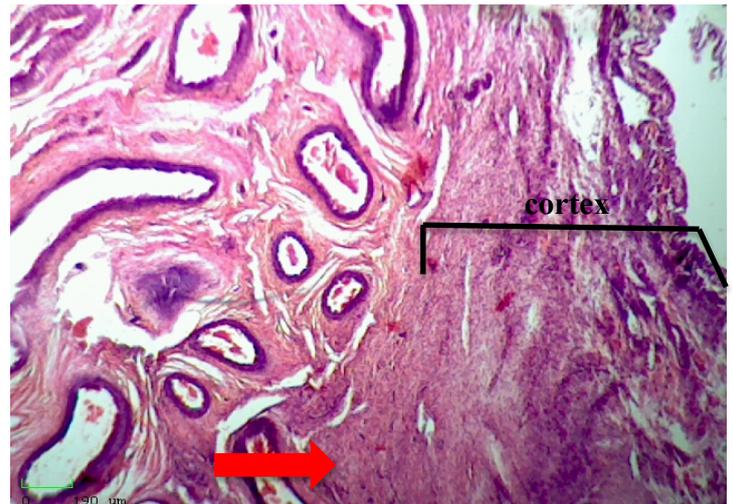
**Fig (8) : Section of ovary, cystic ovary(luteal cyst) (H&E 10X).**

Out of 8 specimen of cats reproductive system we found only two lesion on in uterus and other in ovary .

**follicular cysts :** In present study , follicular cysts comprised (12.5%) which were less than (20) about (40%) but more than (21) about (10%) in queens.

**Uterine abnormalities :**

**Endometritis :** While endometritis was found in the research (12.5%), this finding agrees with (20) and does not accord with (21) owing to the diminutive size of the uterus, which impedes biopsies that are representative. This may impede the ability to diagnose endometritis and, hence, discover infertility issues (22). Endometrial Status in Queens Evaluated by Histopathology Findings and Two Cytological Techniques: Low-Volume Uterine Lavage and Uterine Swabbing endometritis with hyperplasia of the epithelium cells , glands filled with secretion , also congested blood vessels and Thompson and Drew (23). inflammatory cells in glandular layer and found edema and fluid in



**Fig (9) : Section of ovary, cystic ovary (H&E 10X).**

inflammation of the uterine endometrial tissue, caused by a bacterial pathogen infection, is known as endometritis. Hormonal disorders, postpartum infections, or dystocia may all induce uterine inflammation (25, 26). Increased progesterone levels increase bacterial development in the uterine lumen by causing hyperplastic endometrium and endometrial glands, decreased myometrial contractions, and an impaired local leukocyte response to infection. Estradiol in ovarian cystic fluid activates endometrial gland and causes it to release endometrium fluid by increasing oestrogen and progesterone receptors. Furthermore, increasing progesterone concentrations reduce cellular immunity during the early luteal phase, according to (27, 11) they claimed that acute or chronic purulent endometritis, as a result of progesterone stimulation. Progesterone stimulates the endometrial gland secretions and decreases the myometrial contractions which lead to fluid accumulation, followed by ascending uterine infection from vaginal bacteria. Follicular cysts (cats 35.29%), cystic corpus luteum (dogs 16.66%), and cystic rete

ovarii (dogs 16.66%) are the most common pathological conditions among the recorded ovarian lesions, followed by ovarian neoplasms (cats 35.29%), according to (28) who state that cystic ovarian disease is the most common pathological condition. They are thin-walled structures that hold transparent, viscous fluid. Many follicular cysts may form in a single ovary without affecting its ability to function normally (20). The veterinary literature rarely talks about problems with the uterine tube (29). This is likely a result of the infrequency with which the uterine tube is examined, as shown by this study. Except for uterine tube neoplasia, uterine tube lesions were often detected with other reproductive tract diseases or as part of a research method in this study. In both instances, the uterine tube was not the main investigated tissue.

Salpingitis was invariably related with metritis/pyometra in this research. Primary salpingitis and its result, tubal occlusion, are leading causes of female infertility. Because dogs and cats have a sphincter at the tubeuterine junction, ascending salpingitis is not a recognised cause of infertility in pet carnivores. Cat with hydrosalpinx reported (30, 31).

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## دراسة نسيجية لبعض تشوهات العقم في أنثى القطط

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### الخلاصة

الدراسة الحالية أعدت لدراسة العقم و مسبباته في القطط حيث تم جمع ثمانية نماذج للجهاز التناسلي الانثوي للقطط. نماذج الدراسة تم جمعها عشوائيا حيث جمعت القطط من مناطق متفرقة من محافظة البصرة حيث تم ازالة الجهاز التناسلي الانثوي كليا في عملية جراحية في مختبر الجراحة وتم ذلك خلال فترة البحث. وبعد ازالة الجهاز التناسلي الانثوي فحص عياني لمعرفة الاصابات الموجودة في مختلف أجزاء الجهاز التناسلي وخاصة في المبايض والرحم. ومن مجموع ثمان نماذج ظهر نموذجين مصابات (25%) و ستة نماذج سليمة (75%). احد النماذج وجدة الاصابة بالمبيض (التكيس الجريبي ) بنسبة (12.5% ) و الاصابة الاخرى التهاب بطانة الرحم بنسبة (12.5%) .