



## RESEARCH PAPER

# Dystocia due to a dicephalus monster fetus in a buffalo and Its successful per vaginal removal

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**Abstract :** Fetal anomalies and monstrosities are common causes of dystocia in bovines and are disturbances of development that involve the sexual organs and cause great distortion of the individual. The incidence of abnormal calvings in buffaloes is from 4.6% to 12.6%. Eight years aged native buffalo, with its third lactation with a history of natural service 306 days back was presented to the Veterinary Hospital, Hombal Village, Gadag taluk of Gadag district, Karnataka State. The animal was presented with the complaint of inspite of continuous straining for the last 06 h after the expulsion of the first water bag, there was no progression to the parturition stage. Per vagina examination revealed a fully dilated cervix and abnormal fetus with two heads joined at the neck in anterior presentation with dorsolateral position with a deviation of head, one head was removed gently followed by another that was 90-degree angle corrected and removed a female dead fetus under low caudal epidural anaesthesia. A dicephalus monster fetus was relieved per vaginally without surgical intervention and reported. Post operative care consisted of intravenous antibiotics, fluids intra muscular anti-inflammatory and anti-histamine drugs for seven days. The buffalo had an uneventful recovery.

**Key Words :** Dystocia, Dicephalus, Monster, Fetus, Buffalo.

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