

# Psychotherapy for Two Major Earth Hooved Animals that Ingested Metallic Foreign Material, Diagnosis, and Outcomes

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**Abstract**

A 3-year-old llama and a 14-year-old alpaca both independently presented with hazy abdomen discomfort symptoms. The alpaca’s blood work was ordinary, but the llama’s blood work revealed symptoms of infection, and both animals’ abdominal ultrasonography was clear. In both cases, abdominal radiography identified a metallic gastrointestinal foreign body. The foreign entities were removed from the proximal duodenum in the llama and the C3 compartment in the alpaca through a ventral midline laparotomy. Both camelids received supportive care, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications, and broad-spectrum antibiotics. After their surgeries, the alpaca and llama were released from the hospital 16 and 8 days later, respectively. While the llama was doing well 4 months after being released, the alpaca was put to death 2 months later due to recumbency of unclear aetiology. This article suggests that hardware disease should be regarded as a differential diagnosis and highlights the use of abdominal radiography in camelids exhibiting vague clinical indications.

**Background:** In camelids, digestive disorders are typical, and llamas and alpacas are particularly susceptible. Due to the hazy clinical symptoms displayed by the majority of patients and the restrictions placed on rectal examination due to patient size, diagnosing gastrointestinal illnesses in camelids is difficult. Therefore, it is likely that surgical abdominal emergencies go undiagnosed, and doctors should concentrate on early identification and prompt surgical teaching hospital with gastrointestinal metallic foreign bodies are discussed in this case report.

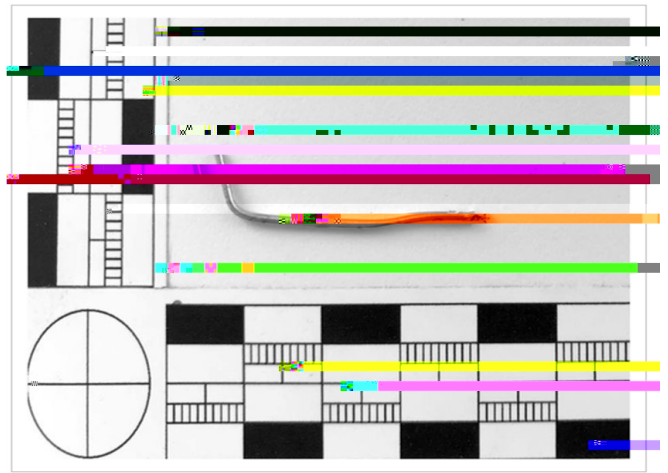
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**Introduction**

Acute and/or chronic idiopathic haemorrhagic gastroenteritis has been reported in 2-3% of adult and/or young adult ruminants, including horses, ponies, llamas, and alpacas. The condition is characterized by acute onset of severe abdominal pain, which is typically accompanied by vomiting and diarrhoea. In some cases, the condition is associated with blood in the vomit and/or stool. The pathogenesis of the condition is unclear, but it is thought to be caused by inflammation of the gastrointestinal tract. The condition is most commonly reported in horses, ponies, and alpacas, but has also been reported in llamas. In llamas and alpacas, the condition is often associated with the ingestion of a foreign body, which may cause irritation and inflammation of the gastrointestinal tract. The condition is typically self-limiting and resolves within a few days. However, in some cases, the condition can be fatal. Treatment typically involves supportive care, including fluids, electrolytes, and analgesics. In some cases, surgery may be required to remove a foreign body. The prognosis is generally good, and most animals recover fully. However, the condition can be a sign of a more serious underlying problem, so it is important to seek veterinary attention if your animal shows any signs of the condition.

**Case Presentation, Investigation, Treatment and Follow-Up**

The alpaca became ill with hazy abdominal discomfort symptoms, and her blood work was ordinary. However, her abdominal radiography identified a metallic foreign body in the C3 compartment. A ventral midline laparotomy was performed to remove the foreign body. The llama presented with similar symptoms, and its blood work revealed symptoms of infection. Its abdominal radiography also identified a metallic foreign body in the proximal duodenum. A ventral midline laparotomy was performed to remove the foreign body. Both animals received supportive care, including fluids, electrolytes, and analgesics. The alpaca was released from the hospital 8 days later, but she became recumbent 2 months later due to unclear aetiology. The llama was released from the hospital 16 days later and was doing well 4 months later.



**Figure 1:** A metallic foreign body was removed via ventral midline laparotomy from the C3 compartment of a 14-year-old female alpaca.

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