

Riassunto

Nello Giardino zoologico di Zurigo vivono insieme cinque elefanti asiatici (*Elephas maximus*), un maschio e quattro elefantesse. Queste ultime verivano esaminate riguardo ai cicli e alla gestazione. Si rilevavano i parametri seguenti: plasma-progesteron e plasma-oestradiol durante 2 1/2 anni, urina-oestradiol, citologia vaginale e comportamento sessuale durante 6 mesi. Così, per una elefantessa, si verificò la gestazione a partire del quarto mese, per due altre il ciclo della fregola da tre mesi fino a tre mesi e mezzo. La quarta elefantessa non poté essere presa in considerazione per motivo di lesioni degli organi genitali.

Il valore dei diversi parametri varia, le loro indicazioni non coincidono totalmente. Come parametro più veridico si rivelò quello del plasma-progesteron, il quale permise di stabilire uno schema per la diagnosi dei cicli della fregola.

Summary

Four Asiatic elephant cows (*Elephas maximus*), living together with a bull in the Zoological Garden Zurich, have been studied. The following parameters were examined and tested for their ability to diagnose oestrus-cycle and pregnancy: plasma-progesterone and plasma-oestradiol during 2 1/2 years, urinary-oestradiol, vaginal cytology and sexual behaviour during 6 months.

In one cow pregnancy was diagnosed in the fourth month, two cows showed cycles lasting 3 - 3 1/2 months. The fourth cow was an exception since she had pathological alterations of the genital systems.

The value of the different parameters varies and their results don't agree completely. The plasma-progesterone was the most valuable parameter and the basis of a cycle-monitoring scheme.

VAGINALZYTIOLOGIE						THAIA 2					
			THAIA 1						THAIA 2		
Datum	Index	%	Datum	Index	%	Datum	Index	%	Datum	Index	%
1. 7.82	5	1. 8.82	36	1. 9.82	42	1. 10.82	16	1. 11.82	2	1. 12.82	8
2. 7.82	52	2. 8.82	46	2. 9.82	9	2. 10.82	45	2. 11.82	7	2. 12.82	11
3. 7.82	73	3. 8.82	53	3. 9.82	15	3. 10.82	18	3. 11.82	13	3. 12.82	5
4. 7.82	84	4. 8.82	58	4. 9.82	11	4. 10.82	12	4. 11.82	38	4. 12.82	7
5. 7.82	81	5. 8.82	45	5. 9.82	6	5. 10.82	13	5. 11.82	11	5. 12.82	13
6. 7.82	79	6. 8.82	23	6. 9.82	77	6. 10.82	14	6. 11.82	15	6. 12.82	38
7. 7.82	69	7. 8.82	17	7. 9.82	36	7. 10.82	20	7. 11.82	6	7. 12.82	14
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9. 7.82	27	9. 8.82	14	9. 9.82	42	9. 10.82	12	9. 11.82	3	9. 12.82	15
10. 7.82	45	10. 8.82	14	10. 9.82	39	10. 10.82	9	10. 11.82	2	10. 12.82	10
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