VENTRAL HERNIA IN A WHITE-TAILED DEER

During March, 1970, a white-tailed deer (Odocoileus virginianus) with a large pendulous mass on the ventral abdominal wall was observed near Redvers, Saskatchewan. The deer moved slowly and was incapacitated to such a degree that it was easily approached and shot with a handgun by a local police officer.

The animal was submitted for necropsy to the Department of Pathology, Western College of Veterinary Medicine. The deer was a female, slightly in excess of 1½ years of age, in poor body condition with serous atrophy of all fat depots. The uterus contained twin fetuses. A soft, fluctuating globular mass 28 cm in dia-

FIGURE 1. Ventral hernia

(a) right view