

Anatomical Studies, No. 46: Apus in a Pig.

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THE condition of apus or absence of the pelvic limbs is exceedingly rare, and the fact that the subject of this note was able to move about with very little trouble is worthy of record.

Pig 585 female, born in April 1926, was presented to this Institution by Mr. D. King, P.O. Warden, at the age of three months, through the endeavours of my colleague, Dr. J. G. Bekker.



Fig. 1.

As will be seen in Figs. 1 and 2, the animal walked quite readily, the posterior part of the trunk being thrown upwards in the air, as a boy would do in walking on his hands. Fig. 1 shows the intermediate stage between the recumbent and the walking positions.

At the age of 18 months the pig was killed for anatomical purposes, but only the osteology was studied. Fig. 3 shows the mounted skeleton (see Path. No. 9293).



Fig. 2.

Photos showing the animal in question appeared in the *Natal Farmer* of 11th March, 1927, and correspondence relating to the pig is to be found in File 141/1346.



Fig. 3.