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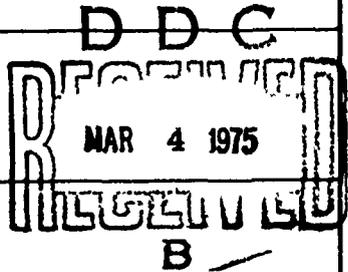
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## PREFACE

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In conducting the research described in this report, the investigator adhered to the "Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals," as promulgated by the Committee on the Revision of the Guide for Laboratory Animal Facilities and Care of the Institute of Laboratory Animal Resources—National Research Council.

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PART IV: INTERNAL ORGANS

I. INTRODUCTION.

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This report concerns the internal organs and describes the structures of each organ.

II. MATERIALS AND METHODS.

Eight castrated Angora goats were used. Each goat was euthanized with phenobarbital sodium. The goats were of average size, weighing 40 to 50 kg. Deep dissection was done on four goats showing the right and left lateral side with the internal organs intact (figures 1 through 4). Another goat was dissected to show the ventral view of the abdominal viscera (figure 5) and the ventral view of the lungs (figures 6 and 7). Three goats were dissected to obtain the internal organs. The organs were either drawn or photographed and labeled accordingly. The drawings are placed with some of the photographs with a centimeter scale showing the exact size of the organ.

A total of 14 drawings and 28 photographs was made while the dissection of the organs was taking place. The organs dissected were the brain, tongue, lungs, heart, liver, kidneys, adrenal, spleen, pancreas, and the stomach (figures 1 through 31).

The drawing of the digestive system in the domestic goat shows the passageway through the system of the four stomachs (abomasum, reticulum, omasum, and rumen) (figure 29).

The anatomy books of Sisson and Grossman<sup>4</sup> and Max<sup>5</sup> and the excellent book by Miller et al.<sup>6</sup> were used as references during the preparation of this atlas.

### III. INTERNAL ORGANS.



Figure 1. Deep Dissection of Right Side of Goat with Diaphragm Removed (Ribs Retained for Landmarks)

1, First rib; 2, apical lobe of right lung; 3, cardiac lobe of right lung; 4, diaphragmatic lobe of right lung; 5, reticulum; 6, ventral lobe of liver; 7, dorsal lobe of liver; 8, right kidney; 9, gallbladder; 10, omasum; 11, rumen; 12, abomasum; D, diaphragm; L, right lung; P, pericardium; S, sternum; Si, small intestine; X, xiphoid cartilage.

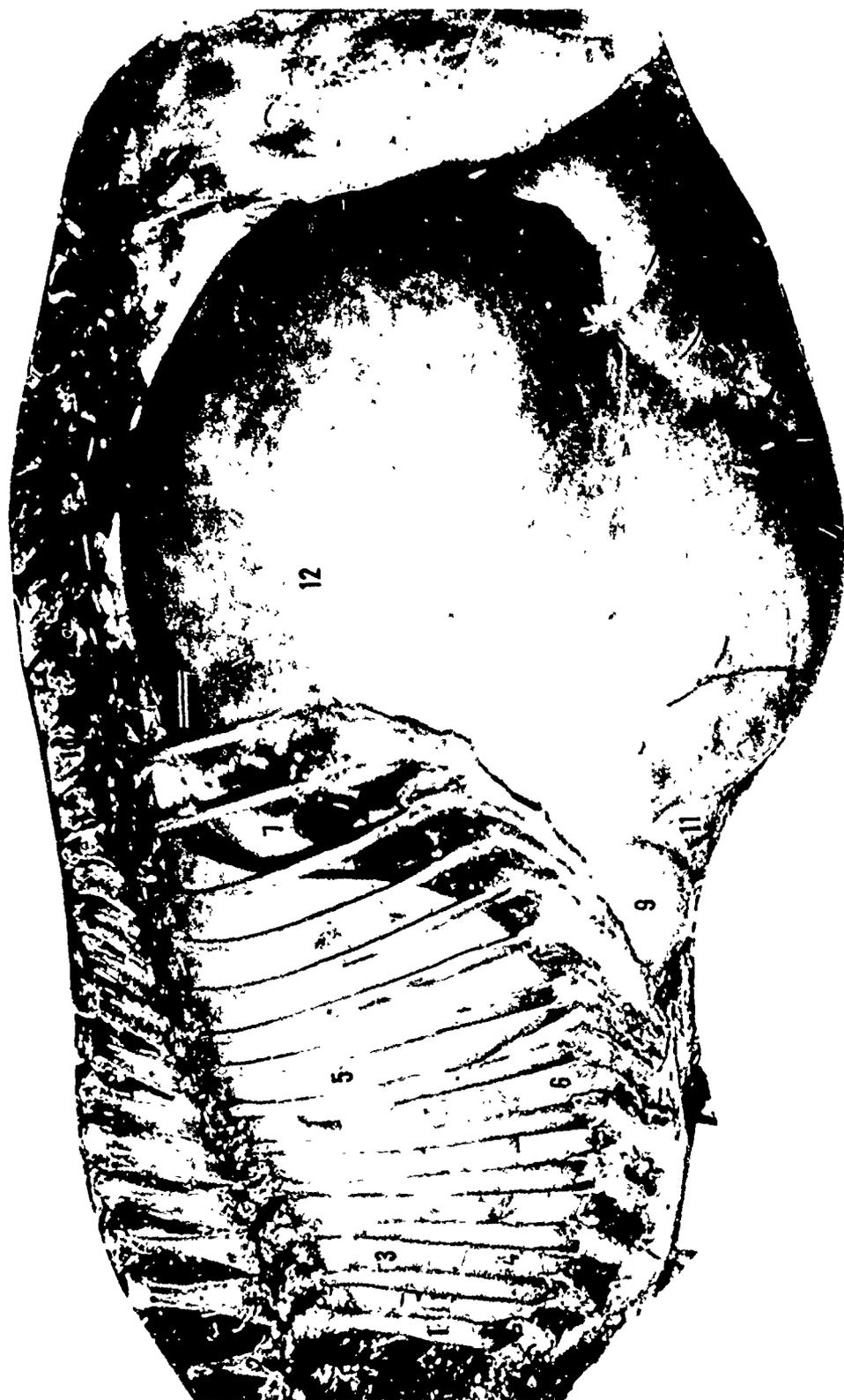


Figure 2. Deep Dissection of Left Side of Goat with Diaphragm *in Situ*

1, First rib; 2, first thoracic vertebra; 3, apical lobe of left lung; 4, apical lobe of right lung; 5, diaphragmatic lobe of left lung; 6, cardiac lobe of left lung; 7, diaphragm; 8, portion of spleen; 9, reticulum; 10, first lumbar vertebra; 11, omasum; 12, dorsal sac of rumen.

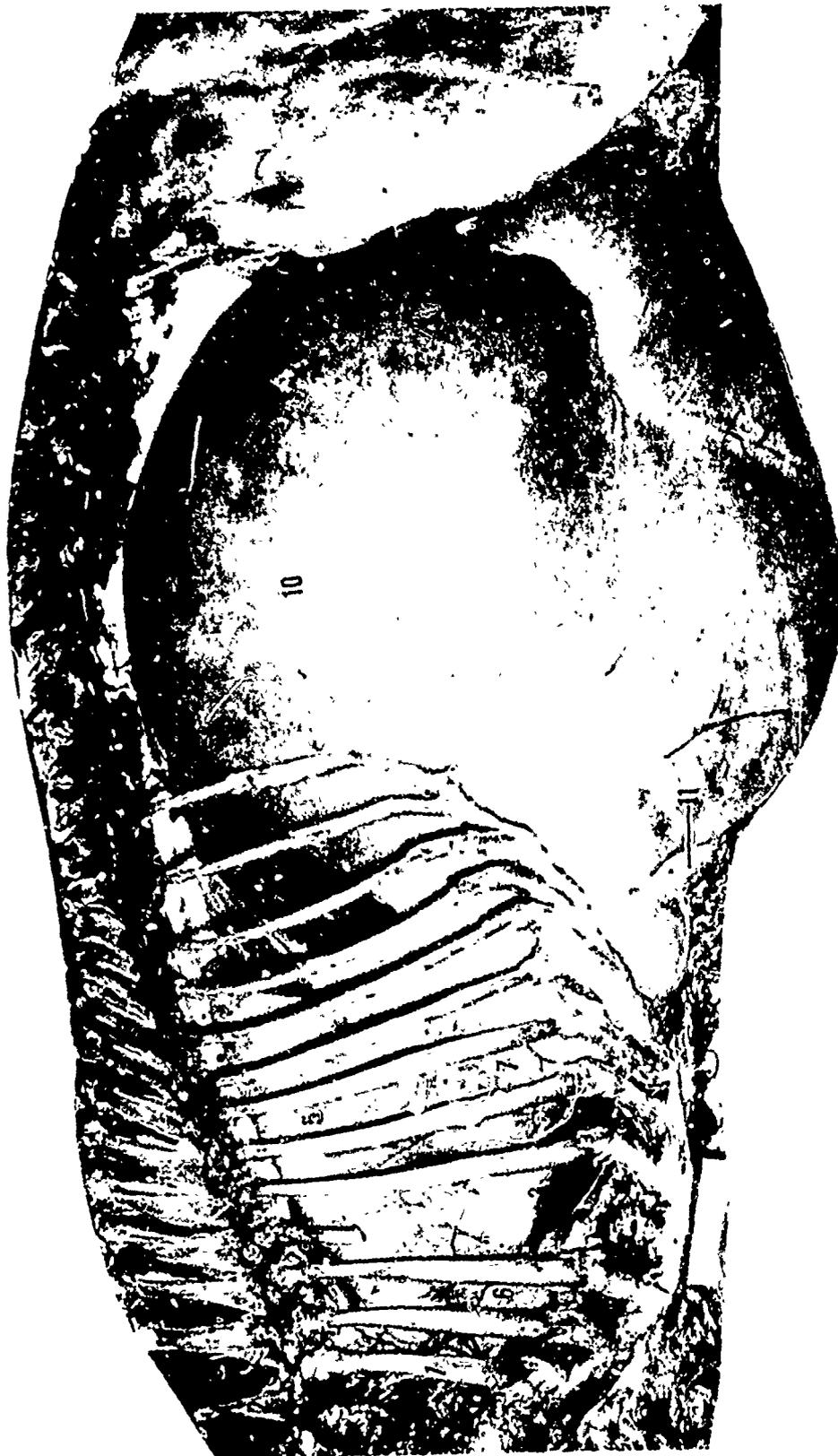


Figure 3. Deep Dissection of Left Side of Goat with Diaphragm and Fourth Rib Removed  
1, First rib; 2, first thoracic vertebra; 3, heart; 4, fourth rib (cut); 5, left lung; 6, apical lobe of right lung; 7, reticulum; 8, spleen; 9, first lumbar vertebra; 10, dorsal sac of rumen; 11, omasum.



Figure 4. Deep Dissection of Left Side of Goat with Left Lung and Left Diaphragm Removed  
(Fourth Through Ninth Ribs Removed)

- 1. First rib; 2, first thoracic vertebra; 3, thymus; 4, apical lobe of right lung; 5, heart; 6, aorta;
- 7, esophagus; 8, reticulum; 9, spleen; 10, first lumbar vertebra; 11, omasum; 12, dorsal sac of rumen;
- B, bronchus.

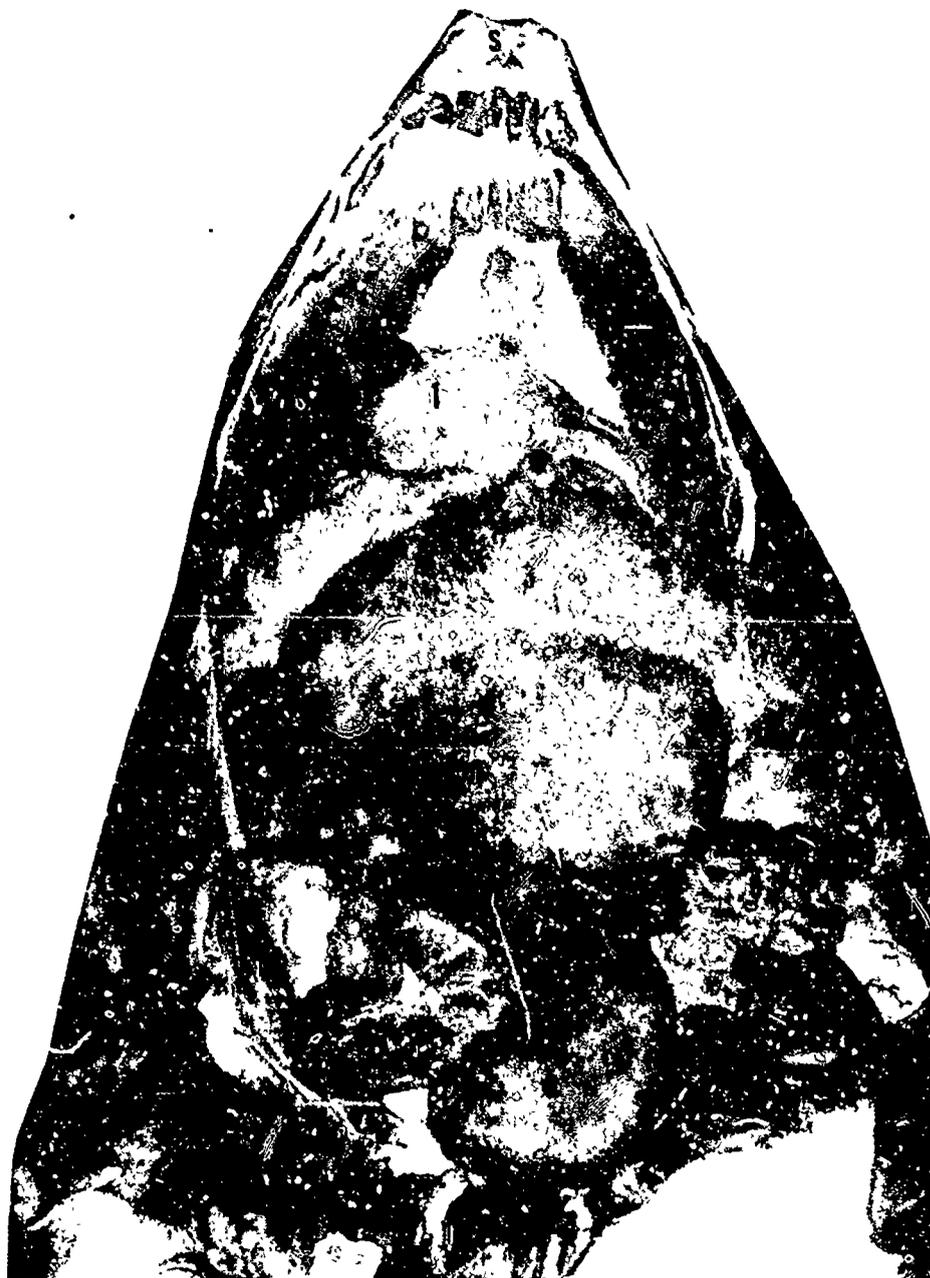


Figure 5. Ventral View of Abdominal Viscera of Goat with Omentum Removed

1, Reticulum; 2, abomasum; 3, rumen; 4, omasum; 5, 7, and 8, colon; 6, small intestine; C, caecum; D, diaphragm; L, liver; S, sternum; V, ventral sac of rumen.

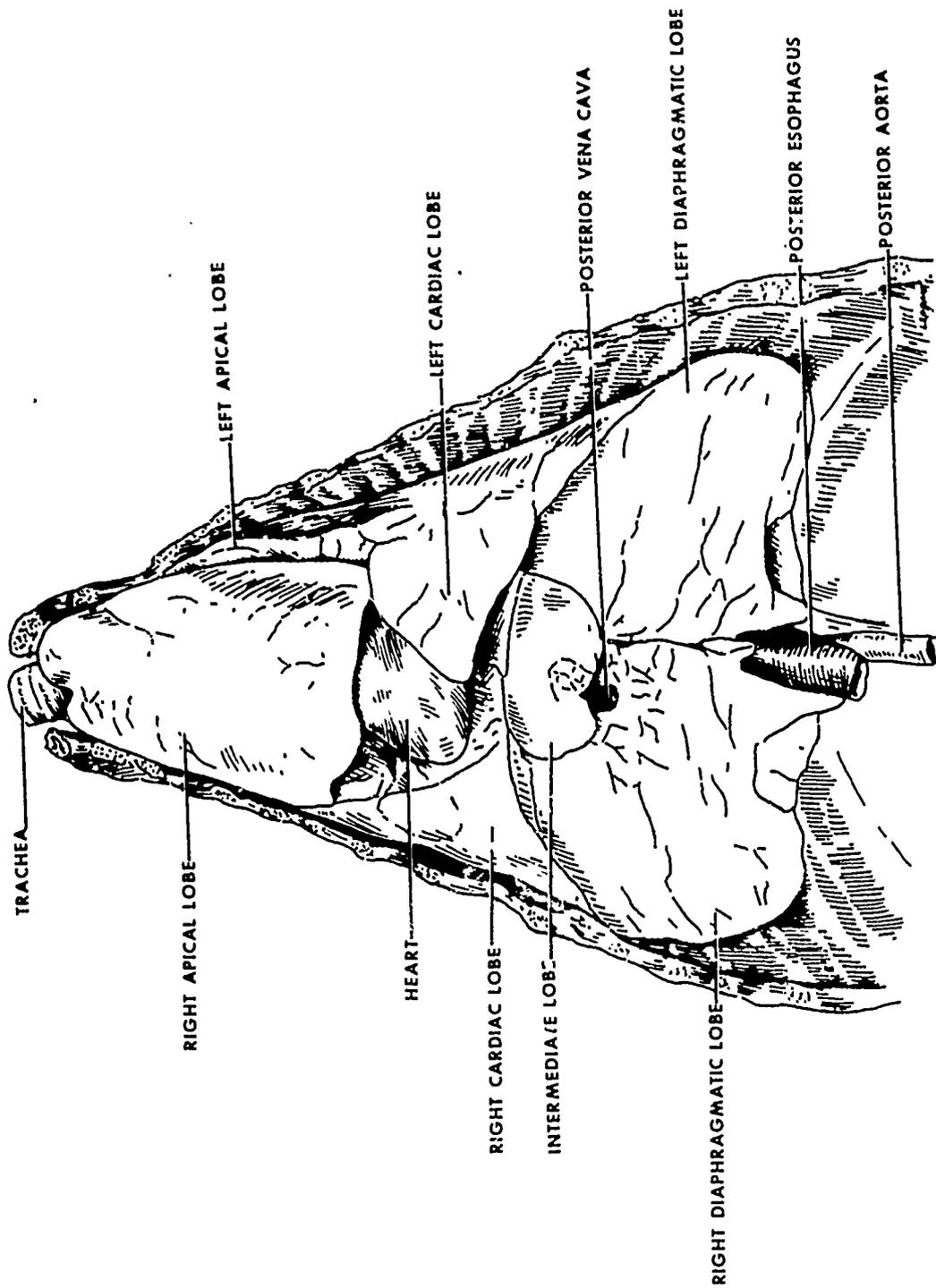


Figure 6. Ventral View of Lungs of Goat with Sternum Removed



Figure 7. Ventral View of Lungs of Goat with Sternum Removed

1, Trachea; 2, right apical lobe; 3, heart; 4, right cardiac lobe; 5, left cardiac lobe;  
6, left diaphragmatic lobe; 7, right diaphragmatic lobe; 8, posterior esophagus; 9, aorta.

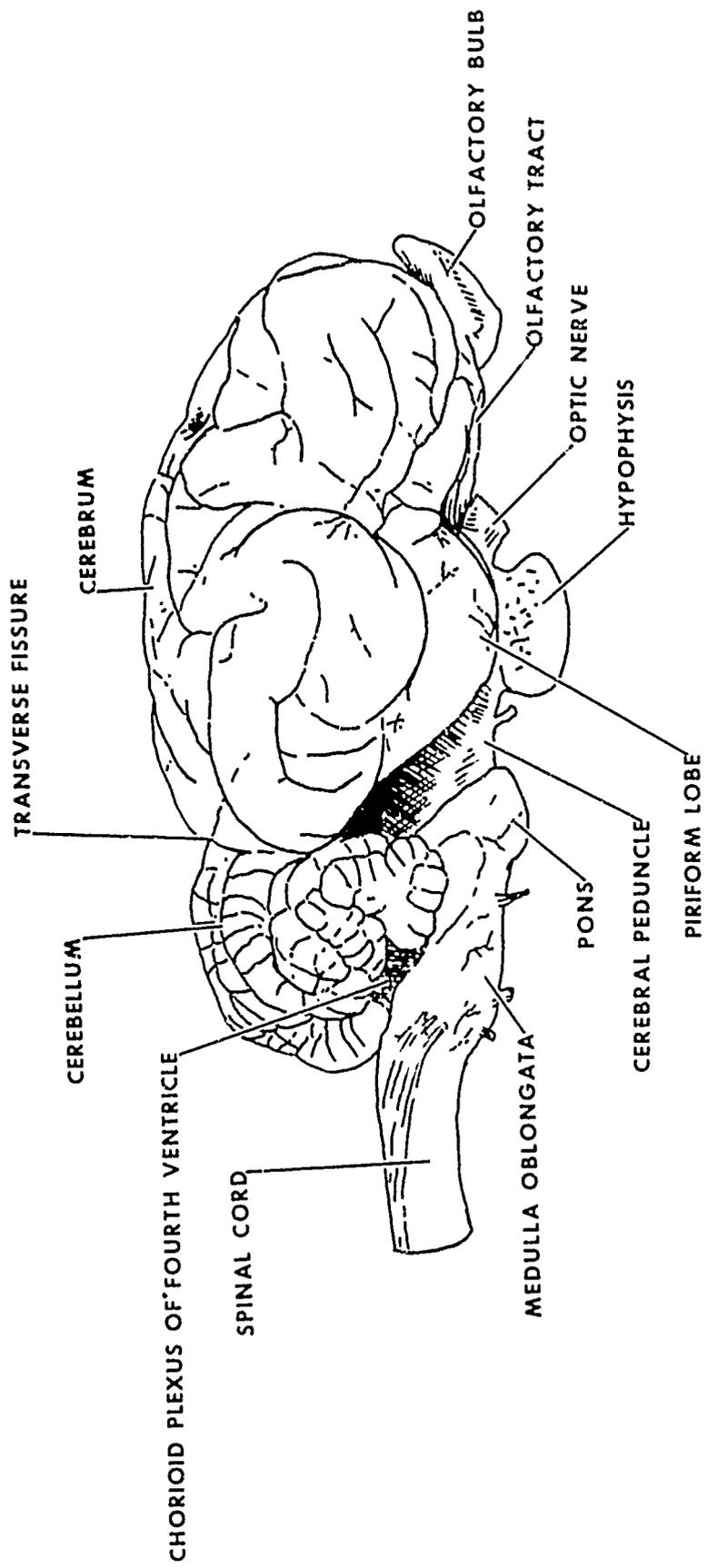


Figure 8. Right View of Goat Brain



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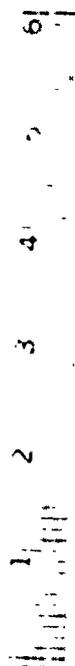


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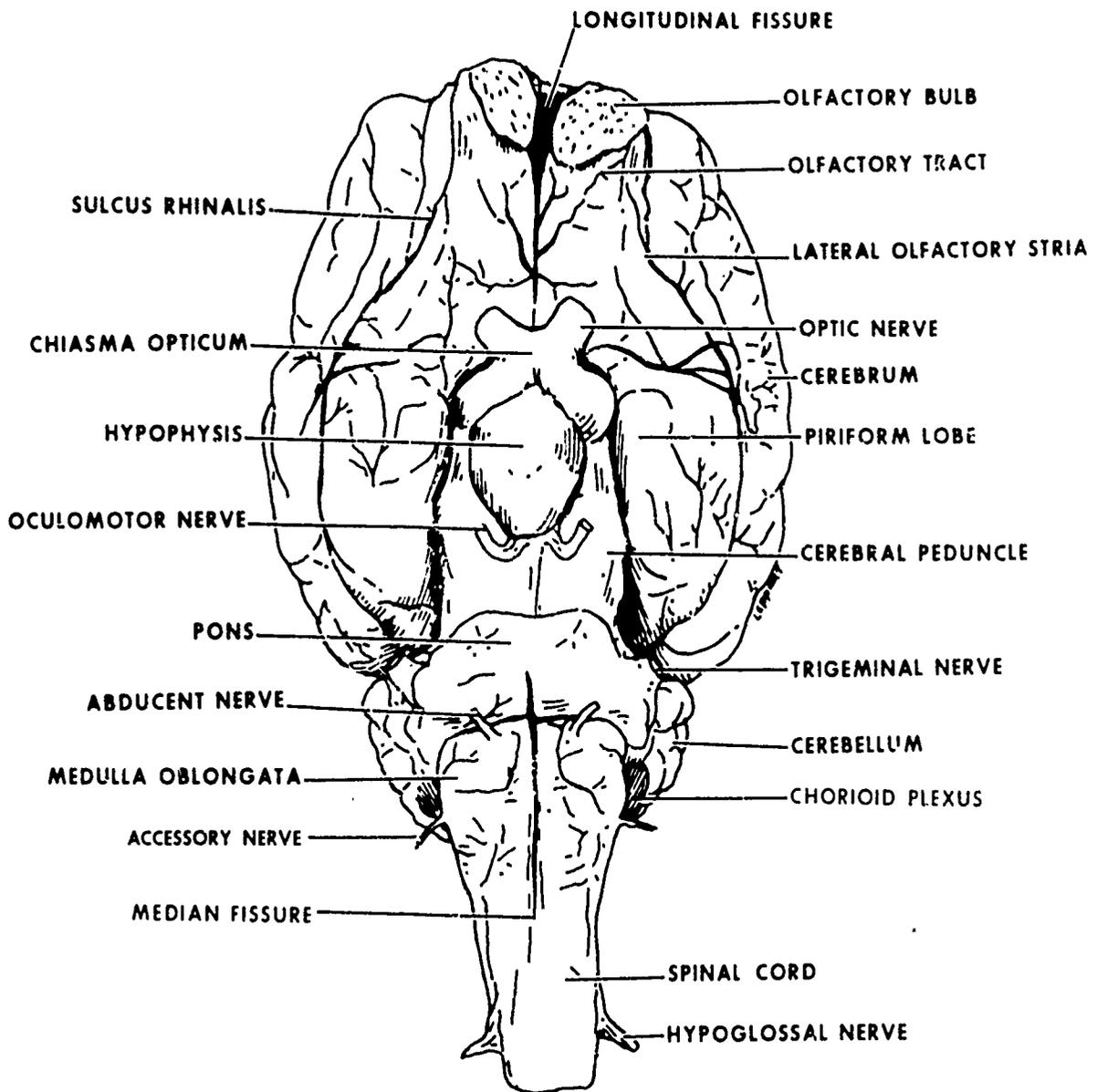


Figure 10. Base of Goat Brain



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Figure 11. Base of Goat Brain

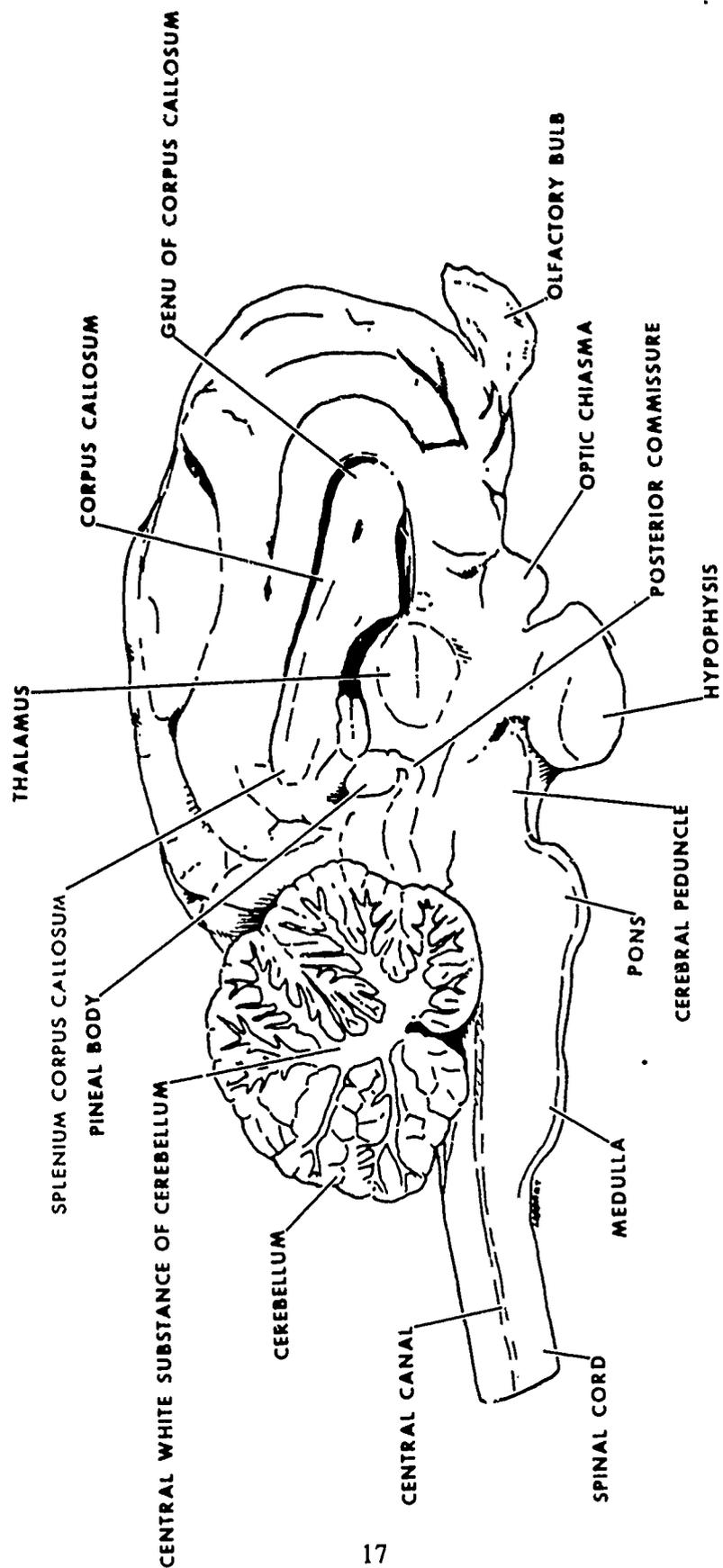


Figure 12. Median Section of Goat Brain



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Figure 13. Median Section of Goat Brain

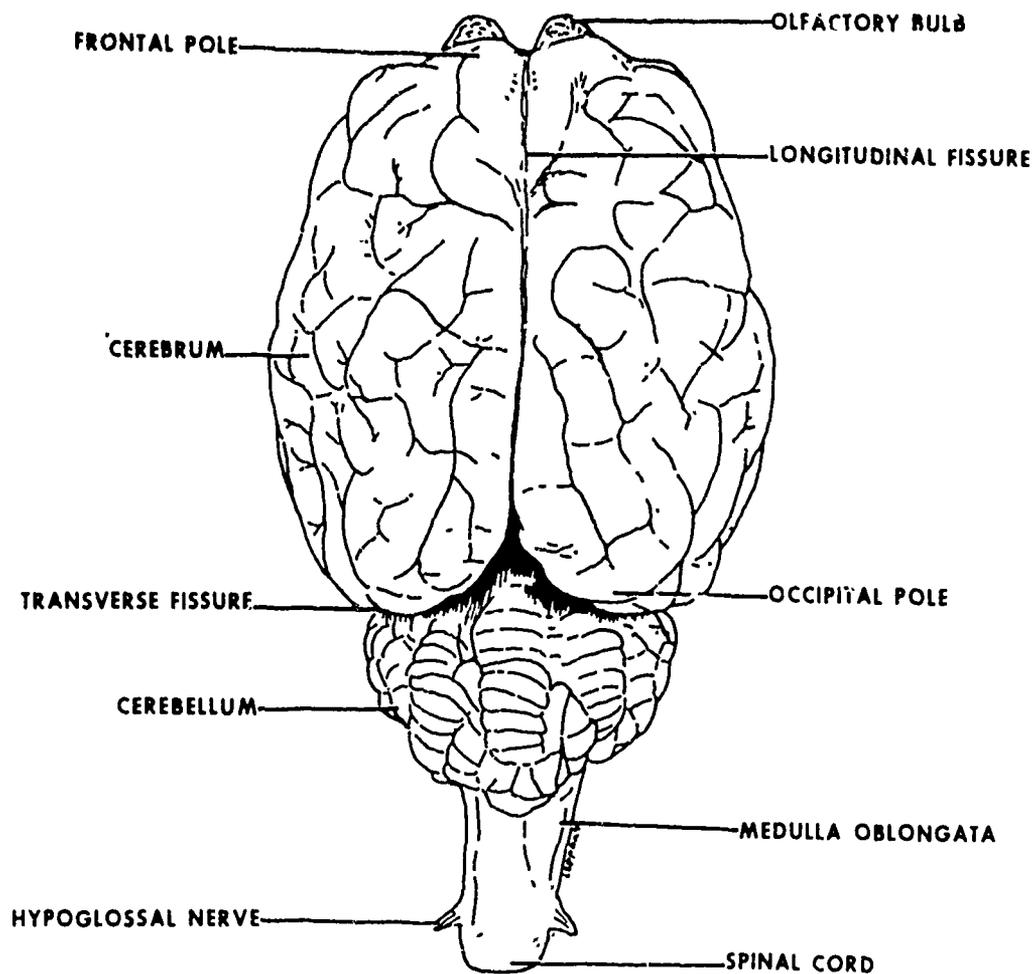


Figure 14. Dorsal View of Goat Brain

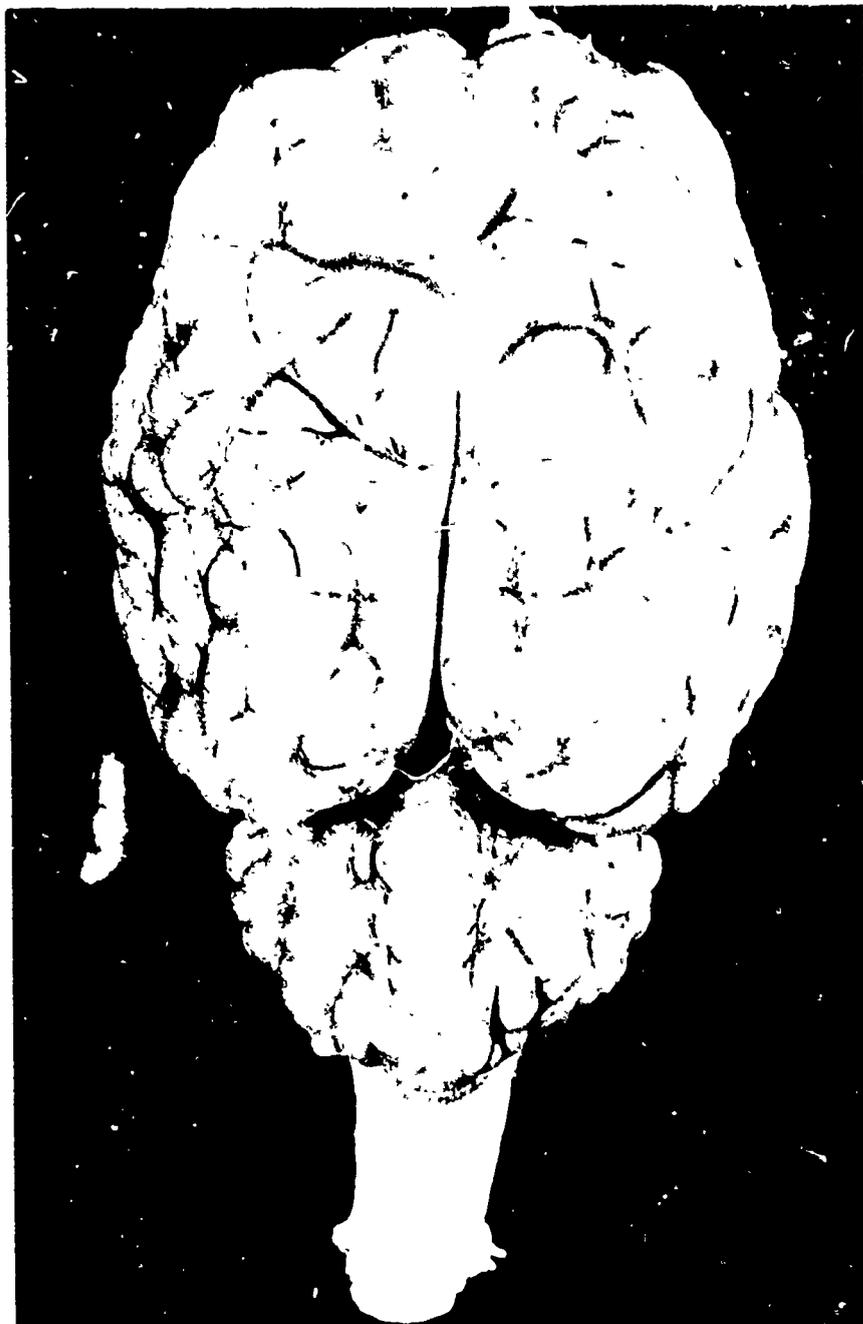


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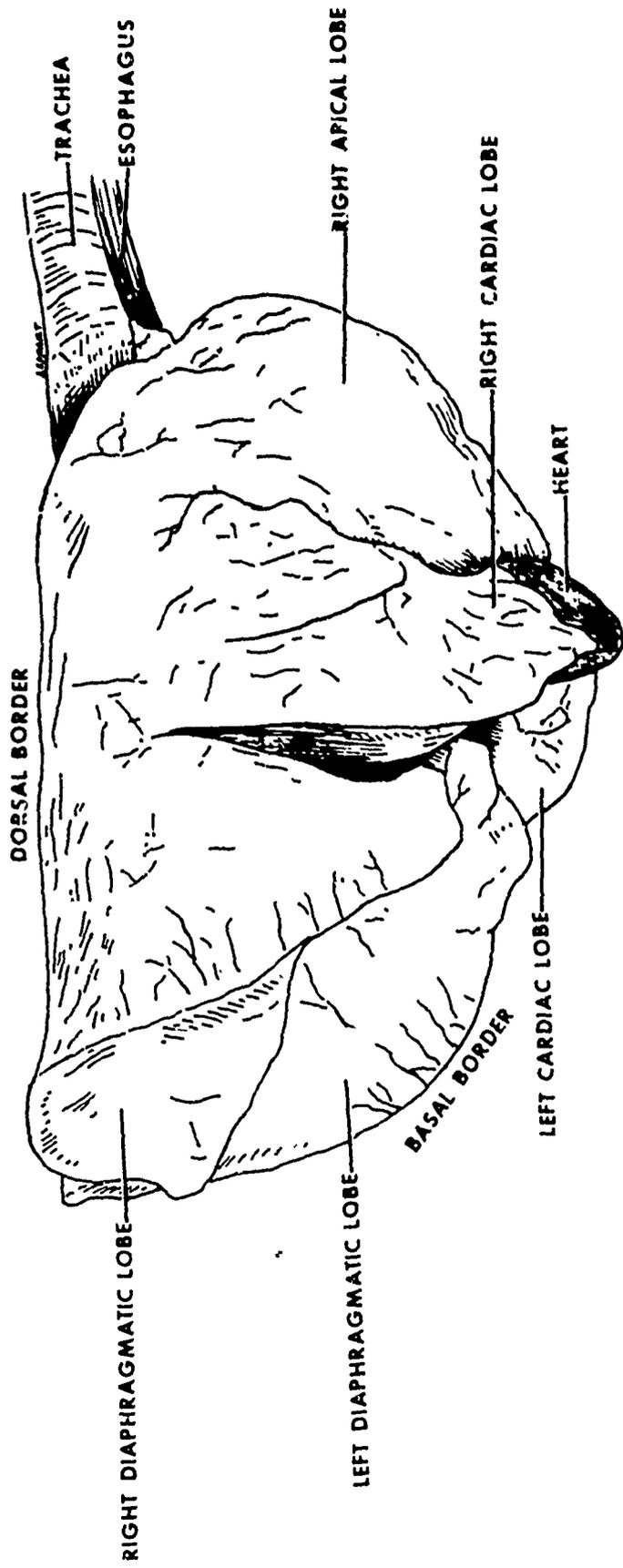


Figure 16. Costal Surface of Right Lung of Goat



Figure 17. Costal Surface of Right Lung of Goat

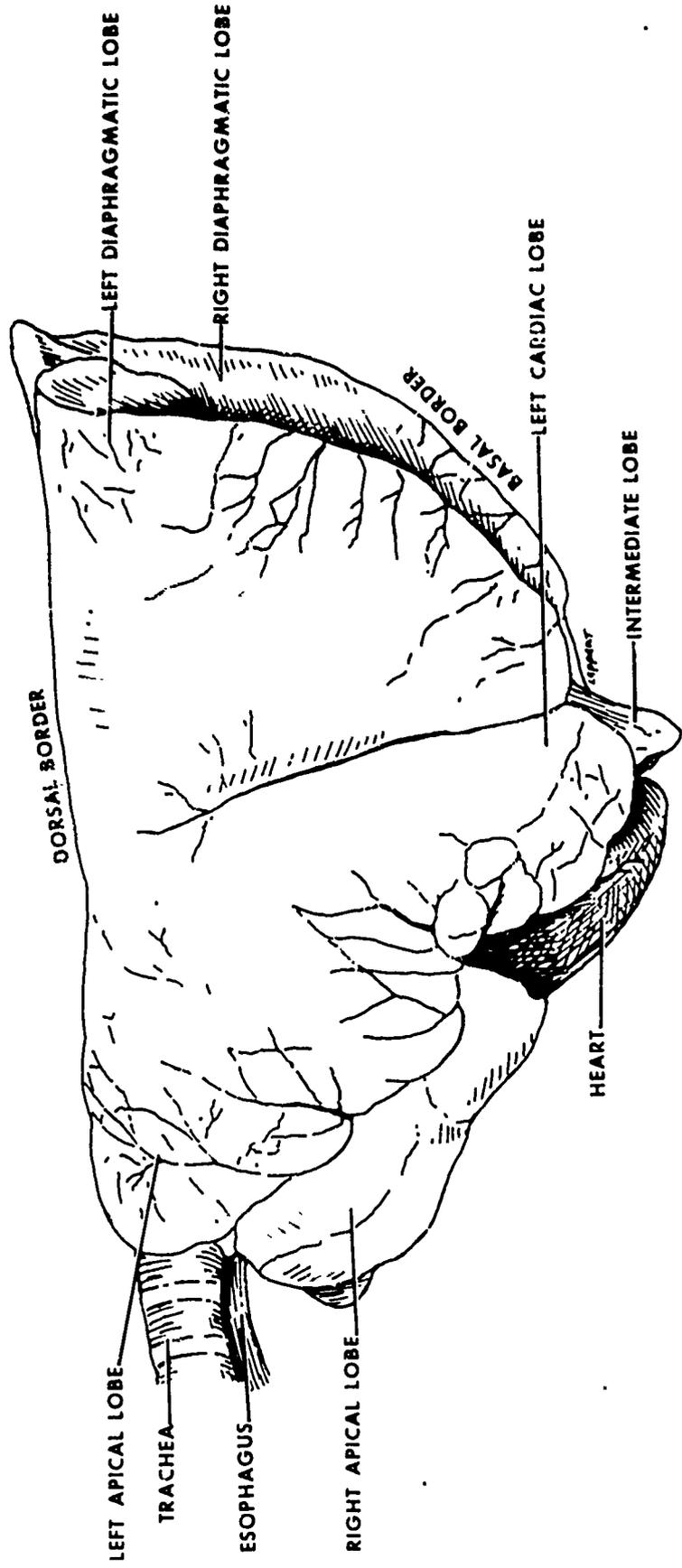


Figure 18. Costal Surface of Left Lung of Goat



Figure 19. Costal Surface of Left Lung of Goat

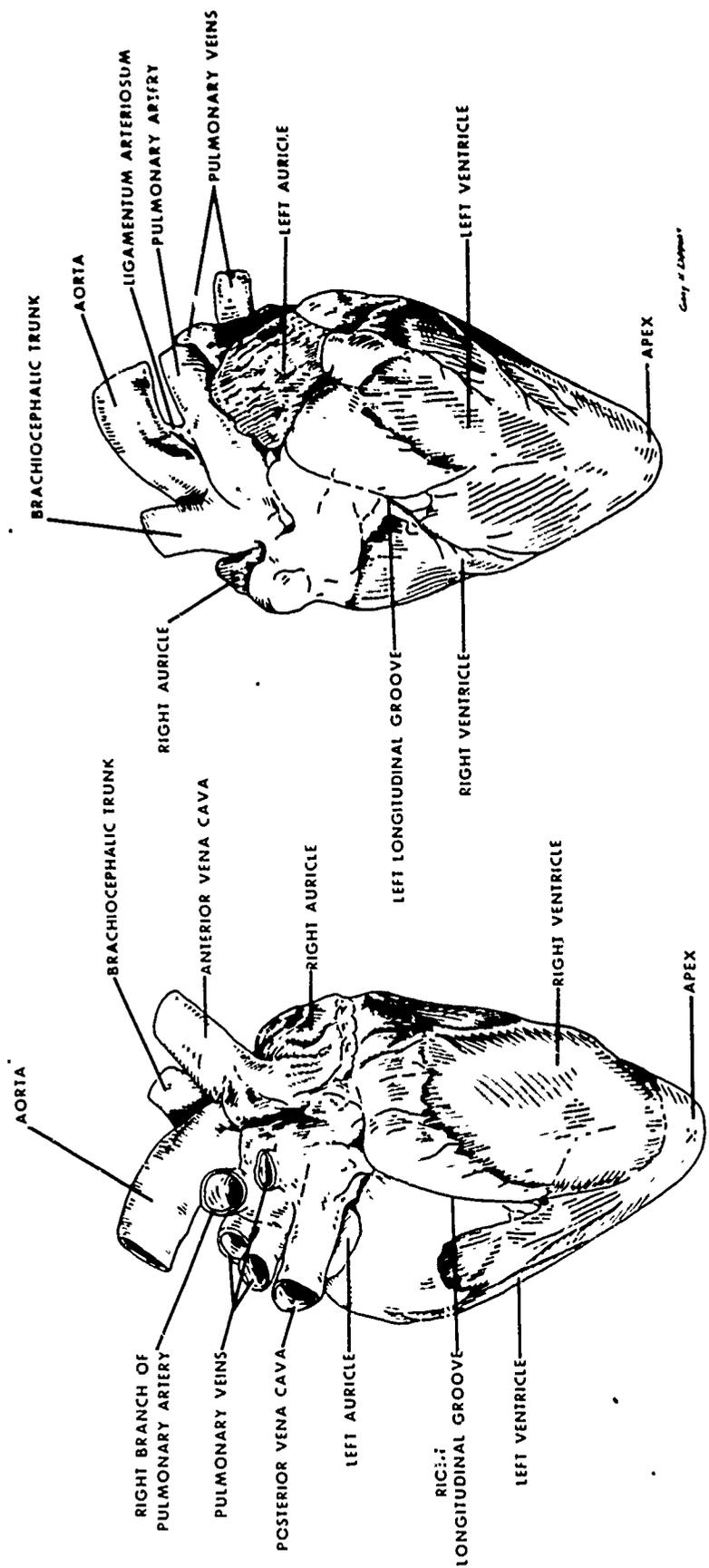


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LEFT

Figure 20. Left and Right View of Goat Lung.

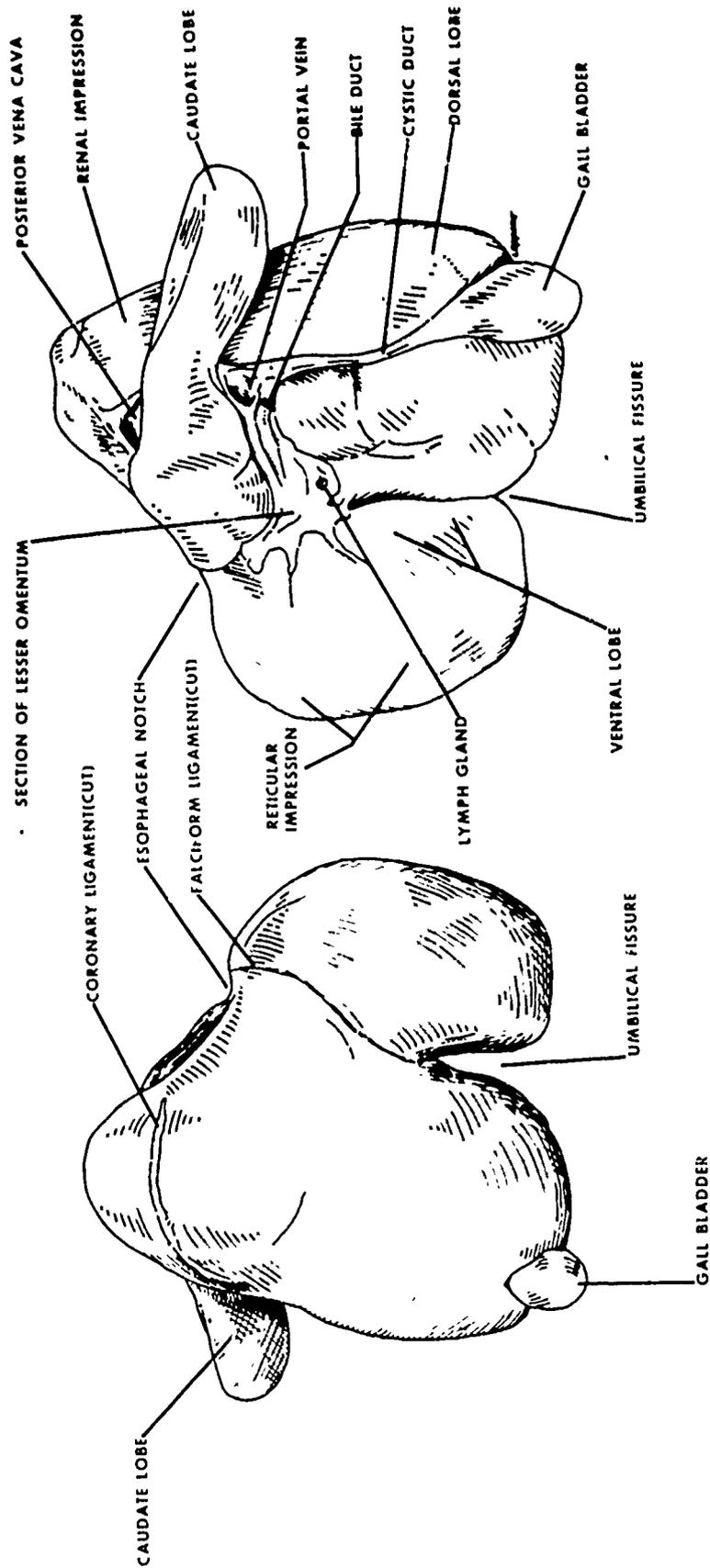


HEART LEFT VIEW

HEART RIGHT VIEW

Figure 21. Right and Left View of Goat Heart





LIVER VISCERAL SURFACE

LIVER PARIETAL SURFACE

Figure 23. Parietal and Visceral View of Goat Liver

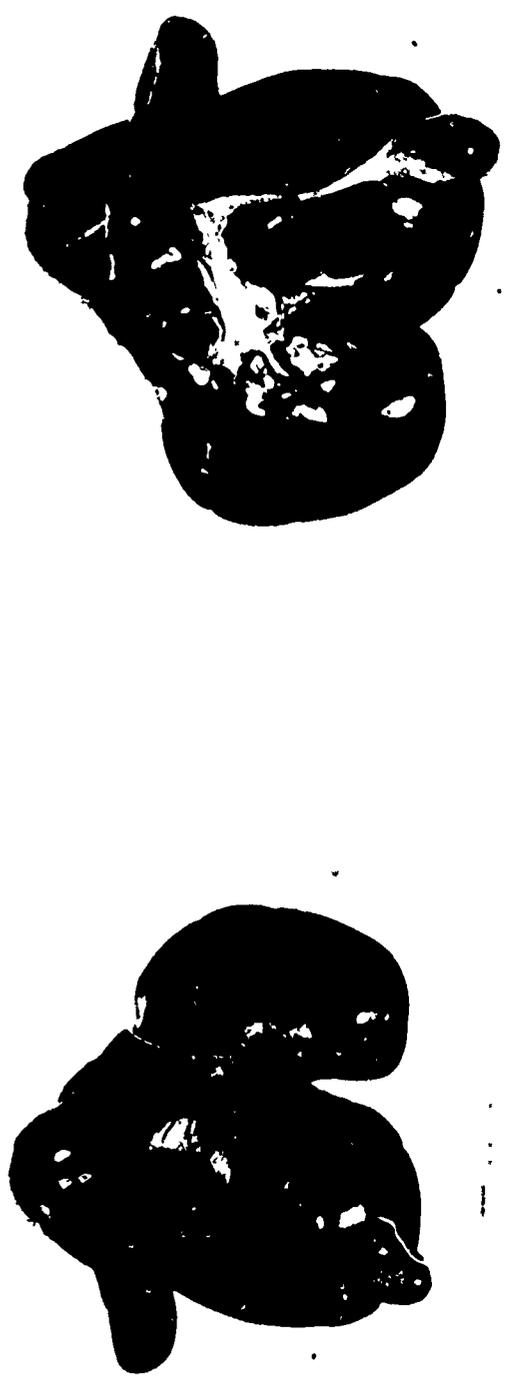


Figure 24. Parietal and Visceral View of Goat Liver

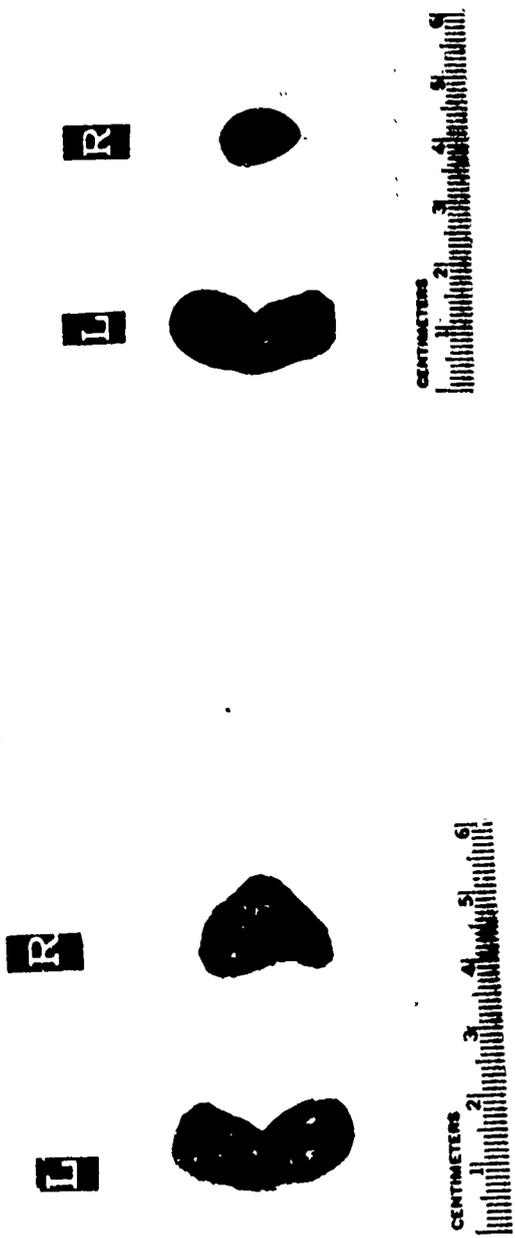


Figure 25. Left and Right View (Cut Surface) of Goat Adrenal

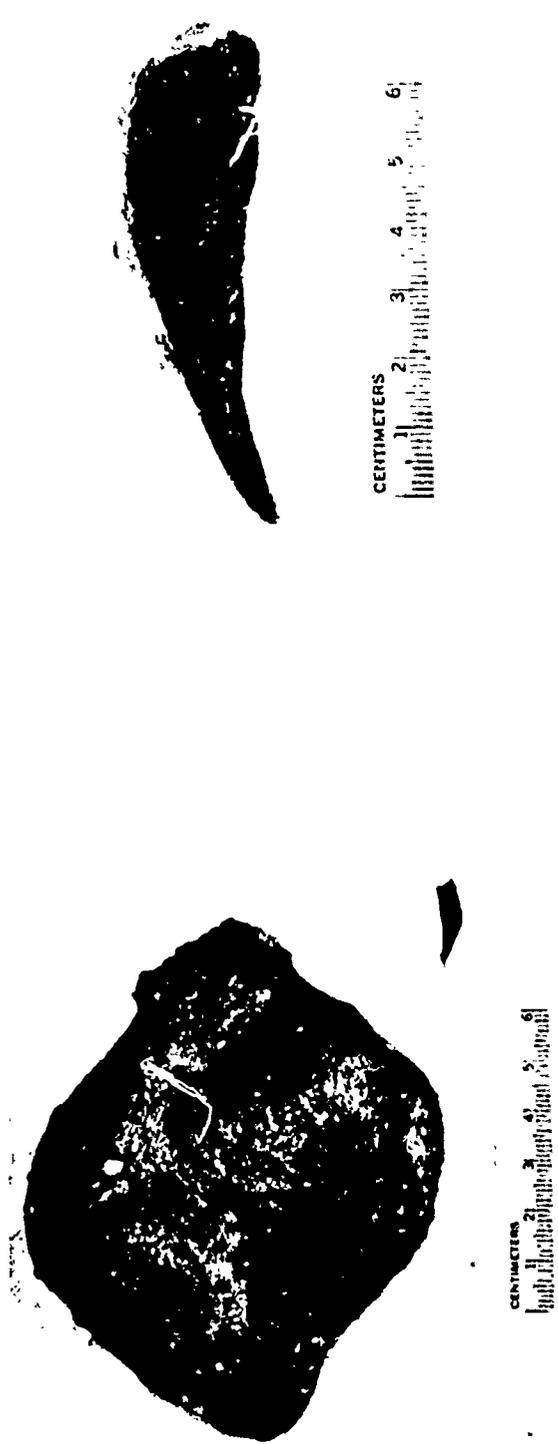


Figure 26. Lateral and Cut Surface of Goat Spleen



Figure 27. Visceral and Parietal View of Goat Pancreas

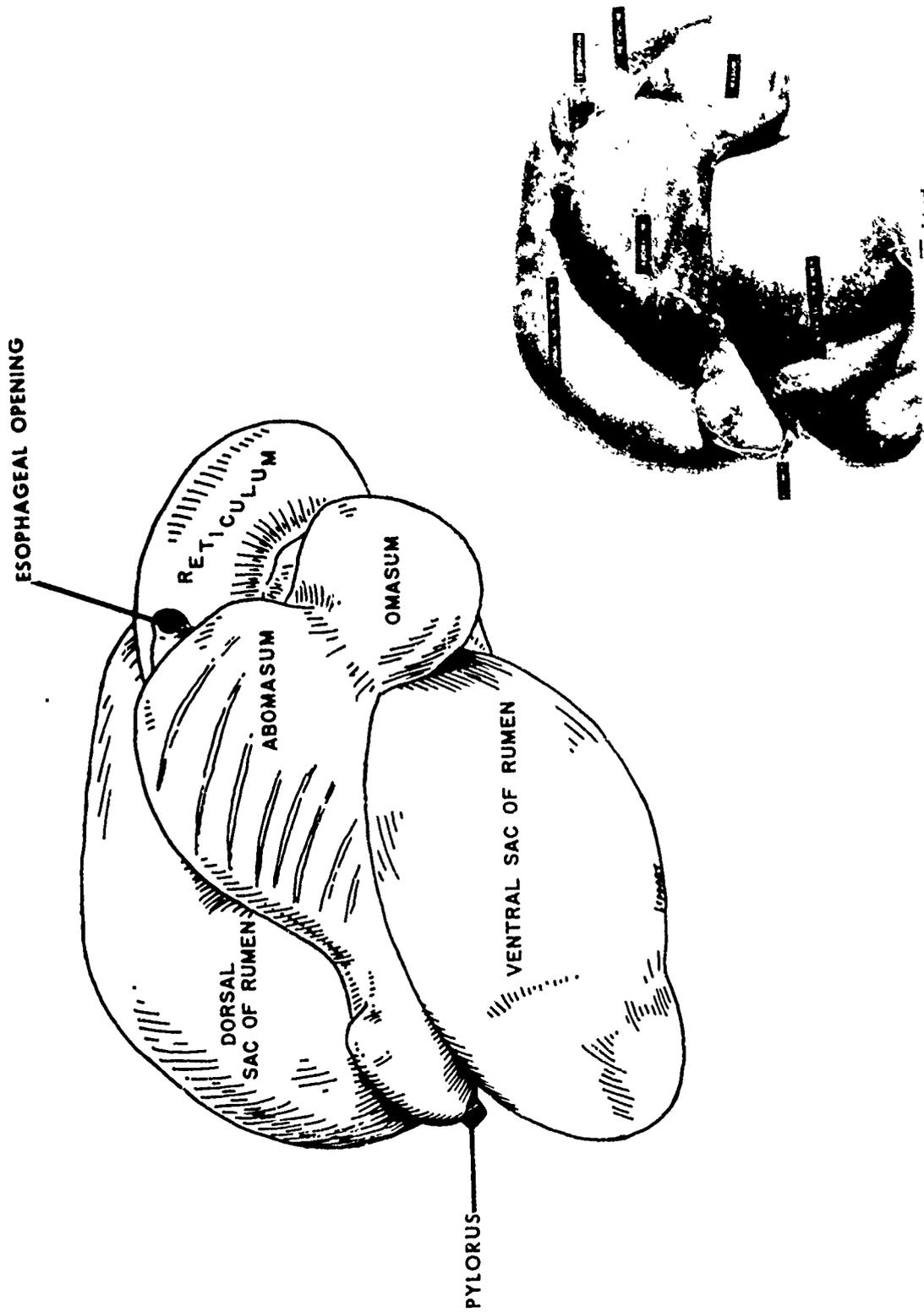
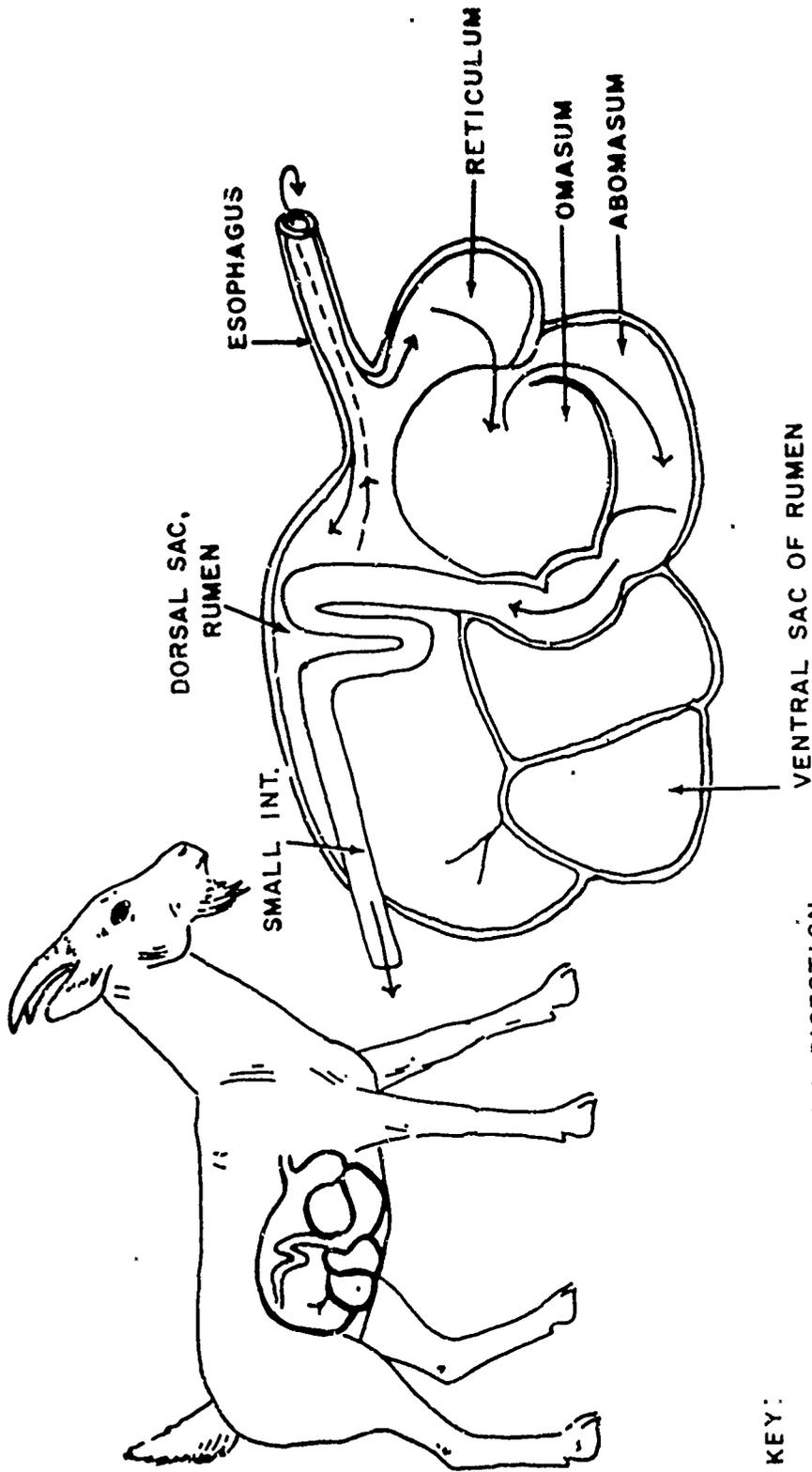


Figure 28. Right Lateral View of Goat Stomach



KEY:

ABOMASUM - CONVENTIONAL DIGESTION  
TAKES PLACE

RETICULUM AND RUMEN - ACT AS  
FERMENTING VATS

OMASUM - REMOVES EXCESS WATER

Figure 29. Digestive System in the Domestic Goat

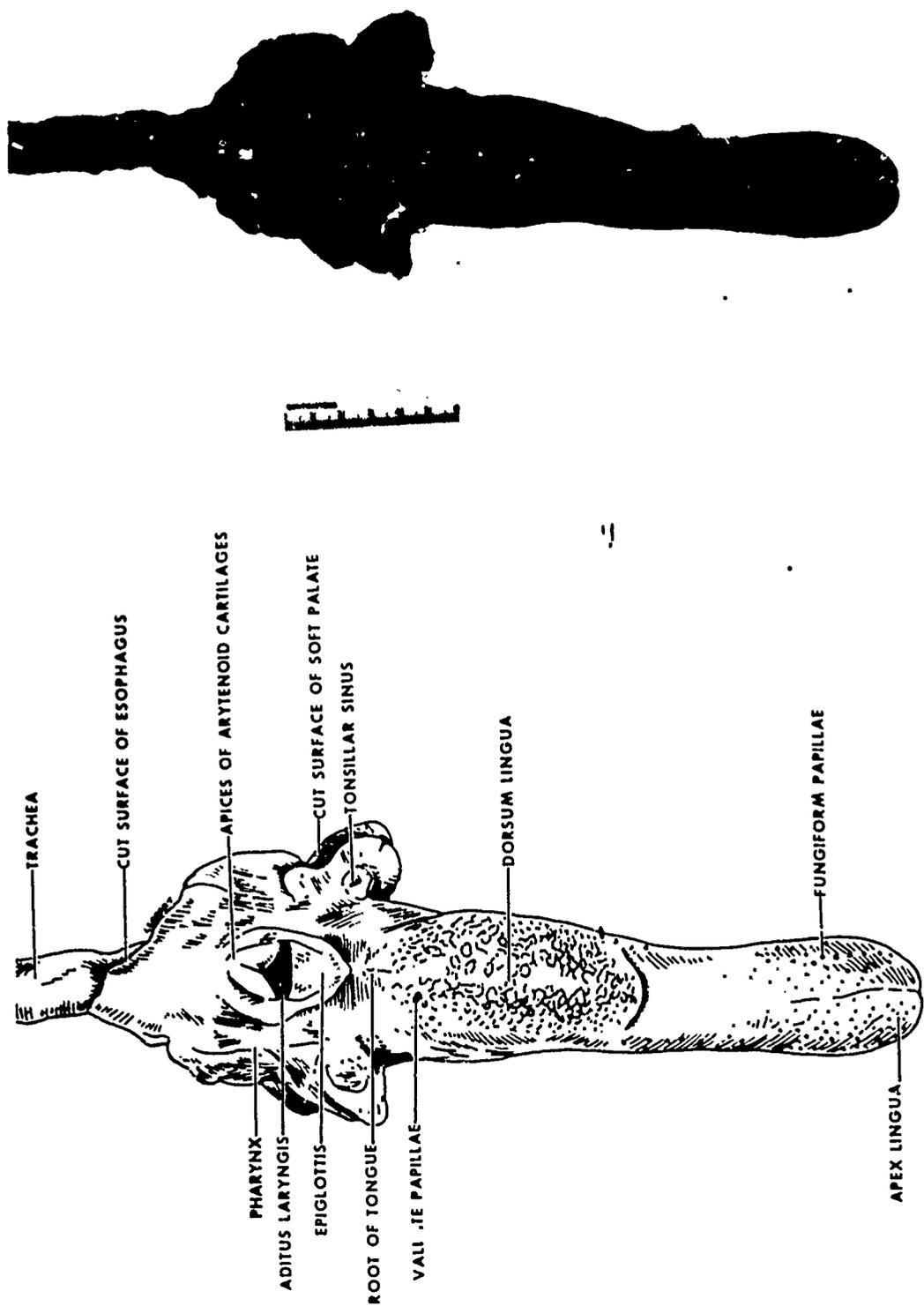
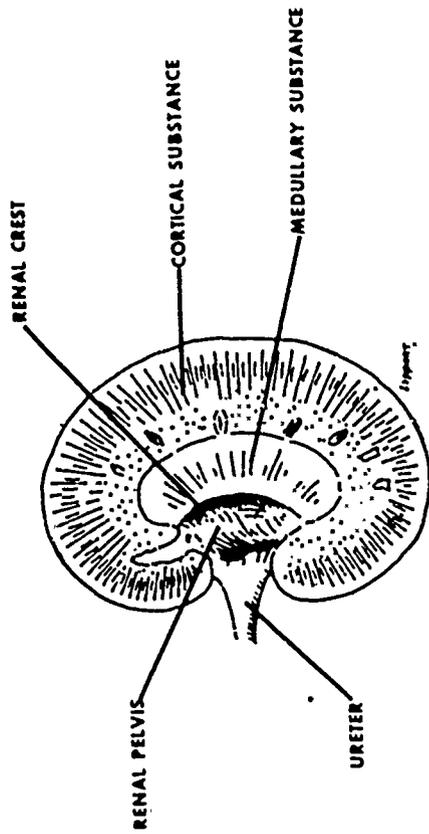
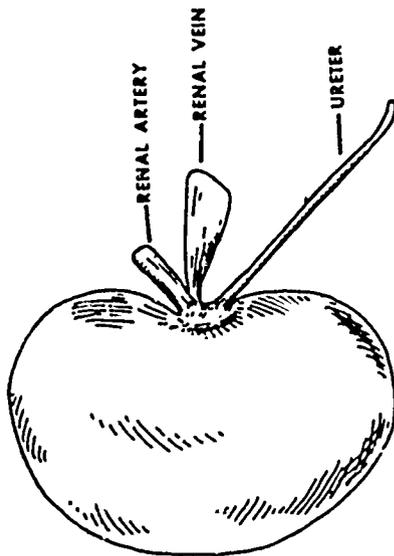


Figure 30. Dorsal View of Goat Tongue, Pharynx, Larynx, Etc.



CUT SECTION



VENTRAL VIEW



Figure 31. Right Kidney of Goat

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