



ECVP/ESVP Summer School in Veterinary Pathology



Marie Curie Training Courses

Summer School 2004 – Reptile Case 4

Slide 4

Tissue of a snake. Lung.

Morphological diagnosis:

- Pneumonia, interstitial, proliferative, diffuse, subacute, severe

Aetiology: Ophidian Paramyxovirus

Key features:

- diffuse epithelial proliferation of pneumocytes
- rare cytoplasmic inclusion bodies
- rare syncytial cells
- interstitial oedema
- mild infiltration with heterophiles, lymphocytes and few plasma cells and macrophages