

DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

1/20/2022 History: Recurrent diarrhea, several bouts of bloody stool within the past 6 months. Responsive to metronidazole. Recently started on EN for suspected sensitive stomach. Labs wnl except low folate.

PATIENT

Koda Leighton

Current Medications: metronidazole 750 mg BID, Provable, EN diet.
Lab Results: 1/7/22: maldigestion profile: cobalamine, TLI wnl, folate Low 3.68, fecal negative, chem/CBC/T4 wnl. Attached separately.
Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous IntraPet scans.
Sedation: Dexdomitor/Torbugesic IV.
Stat Report: Not requested.
Imaging Performed By: Stephanie Pearce RDCS, RVT.

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

German Shepherd

SEX

Female Spayed

AGE

9-22-2014

WEIGHT

76.6 Lbs.

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

The urinary bladder, trigone, and pelvic urethra are normal in thickness and the mucosal surface is smooth. The bladder lumen is moderately distended with anechoic urine. No masses, inflammatory changes or calculi are observed. Ureteral papillae and visualized portion of the proximal urethra, visible to a depth of 2 cm, are normal.

The left kidney presented normal size (7.06 cm in length); normal shape and architecture with smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with normal corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

The right kidney presented normal size (7.74 cm in length); normal shape and architecture with smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with normal corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is normal size (0.46 cm at cranial pole) (0.59 cm at caudal pole) (3.15 cm in length); normal shape; homogenous parenchyma. The glandular echogenicity and detail are unremarkable. Capsule, cortex, and medullary definition are normal. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

The right adrenal gland is normal size (0.70 cm at cranial pole) (0.55 cm at caudal pole) (3.31 cm in length); normal shape; homogenous parenchyma. The glandular echogenicity and detail are unremarkable. Capsule, cortex, and medullary definition are normal. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

Spleen

The spleen is normal in size (2.03 cm in width at the level of the hilus) with a normal capsular contour. There is appropriate echogenicity and echotexture. No focal lesions are observed. Splenic vasculature is normal.

Liver

The liver is subjectively normal in size with normal contours and structure. There is appropriate echogenicity and echotexture. No overt structural evidence of inflammatory, infiltrative or regenerative pathology is evident. Vascular and biliary tracts are of normal volume with no evidence of congestion. No pathological hepatic lymphadenopathy observed.

The gall bladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall is thin and smooth. A small amount of echogenic

debris and gravity dependent mineralized sand is observed within the lumen. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal.

Gastrointestinal

The gastric lumen is not distended. The gastric wall is normal in thickness with a normal layering pattern. The small intestinal lumen is not dilated. The small intestinal wall thickness is normal with a normal layering pattern and appropriate mural detail. Discreet masses are not identified. The colonic wall is normal. No obstructive or overt infiltrative disease is noted.

Pancreas

The region of the pancreas is isoechoic relative to surrounding omental fat. No obvious parenchymal abnormalities are observed. There is no evidence of regional inflammation or effusion.

Free Abdomen

The peritoneal cavity is normal. There is no evidence of inflammation or effusion. The abdominal lymph nodes are normal/not visible.

Other

A urine stump is visible and is normal in size (0.55 cm in width). No obvious pathology is seen.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

Primary Findings

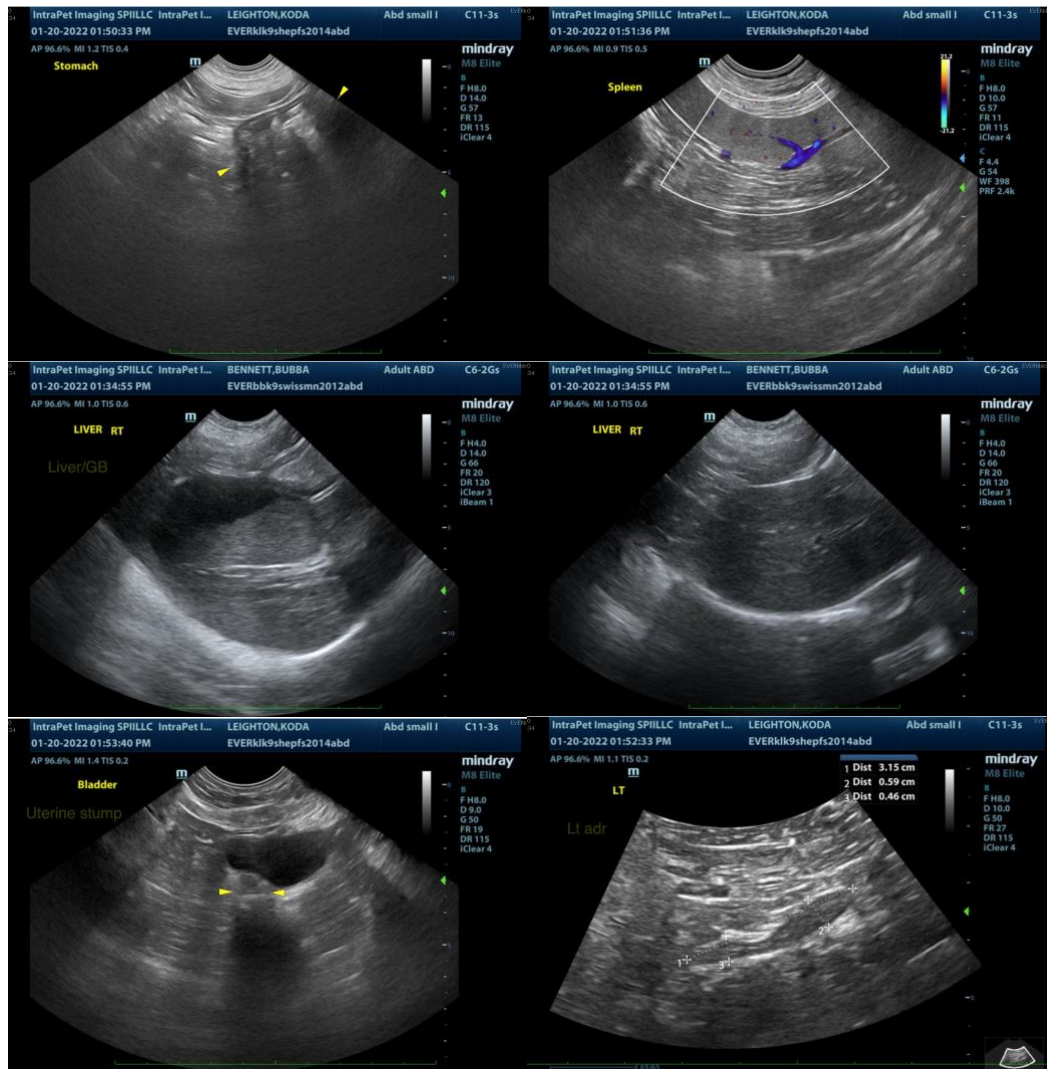
- Mineralized gall bladder sand, incidental
- Prominent uterine stump, incidental

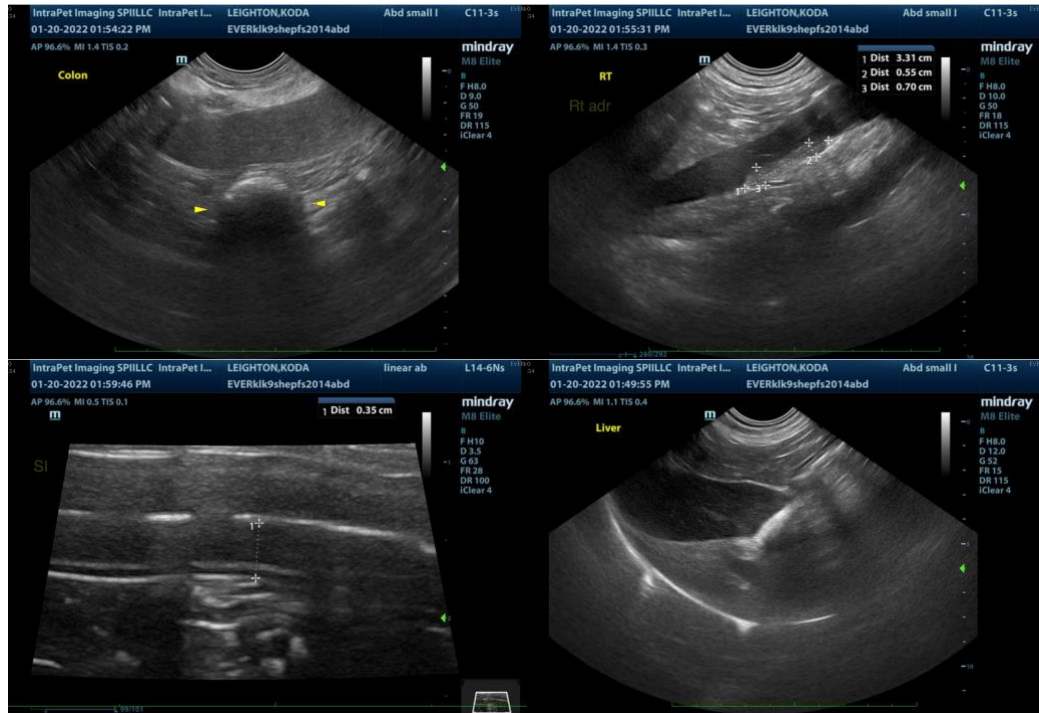
* An obvious cause for the patient's clinical signs is not identified in this study. Considerations include microscopic gastrointestinal disease (i.e., food allergy, intestinal dysbiosis, inflammatory bowel disease, infectious/parasitic), low-grade pancreatitis, underlying metabolic issue (i.e., hypoadrenocorticism), other

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Despite the negative fecal evaluation, consider prophylactic deworming with Fenbendazole at 50 mg/kg once a day for 5 days is recommended. Repeat above protocol in 3 weeks.
- A resting cortisol level to screen for hypoadrenocorticism. If resting cortisol level is < 2.0 mcg/dL, an ACTH stimulation test is recommended.
- A 6-week limited antigen diet trial to assess for food allergies
- Given that the cobalamin is low-normal, consider cobalamin supplementation.
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- Also consider empirical treatment for small intestinal bacterial overgrowth with a 4-week course of Tylosin (in lieu of Metronidazole)
- A fecal PCR panel for infectious diseases can also be considered.

- Depending on the results of the above diagnostics/therapeutics, endoscopic or surgical gastrointestinal biopsies may be necessary to get a definitive diagnosis.





The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

Thank you for this referral. If the clinical or image interpretation does not parallel your findings or if I can be of any further assistance, please contact me.

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