

**PATIENT**

Abbie Edwards

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Shepherd Mix

**SEX**

Spayed Female

**AGE**

3 years

**WEIGHT**

106 lbs

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: Hematuria, overweight, otitis externa, mild flea bite dermatitis; urine not improved after medications; presence of struvite crystals Current Medications Motazol 15mg bottle, Trizultra Ear Cleaner, Nexgard Primary Question/Differential to Be Answered in This Exam Evaluate cause for unresolved UTI

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: 10/31/2022 UA: spgr 1.012, ph = 9, TNTC rbc (sample was diluted), 10 wbc on diluted sample 11/15/2022 UA: spgr 1.015, ph = 9, 7 wbc, < 1 rbc, < 1 squamous cells, 6-20 struvite crystals

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**Urinary System**

The urinary bladder is moderately distended. The ventral wall is thickened (up to 0.77 cm) and irregular. The remaining bladder wall is normal in thickness. A large amount of suspended, echogenic debris is observed within the lumen. A 1.89 cm cystic calculus is observed within the lumen. The region of the trigone and the visible portion of the proximal urethra are normal.

The left kidney is normal in size (6.46 cm in length) with a normal shape, architecture and 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 hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

The right kidney is normal in size (7.30 cm in length) with a normal shape, architecture and 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 hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

**Adrenal Glands**

The left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.62 cm at cranial pole) (0.63 cm at caudal pole) (2.87 cm in length) with a normal shape and homogenous parenchyma. The glandular echogenicity and detail are unremarkable. Capsule, cortex, and medullary definition are normal. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

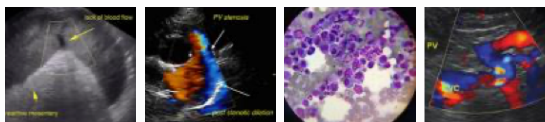
The right adrenal gland is in normal size (1.65 cm at cranial pole) (0.79 cm at caudal pole) (3.58 cm in length) with a normal shape and homogenous parenchyma. The glandular echogenicity and detail are unremarkable. Capsule, cortex, and medullary definition are normal. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

**Spleen**

The spleen is normal in size (2.25 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.



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The gall bladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall is thin and smooth. Luminal contents are mostly anechoic. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not seen.

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### Gastrointestinal

The 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. There is no evidence of an obstructive pattern.

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### 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.

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### Free Abdomen

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

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## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

### Primary Findings

- Cystic calculus with a large amount of urinary bladder debris within the lumen. The wall changes are most consistent with cystitis.

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## INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- A urine culture and sensitivity is recommended.
- A cystotomy with stone removal, analysis and culture is recommended. Alternatively, medical dissolution of the stones can be considered with a prescription renal diet and broad-spectrum antibiotic therapy. If there is no improvement in stone size after 4 weeks of therapy, a cystotomy should be reconsidered. If the stone size is reduced, continue therapy until complete dissolution has been achieved.

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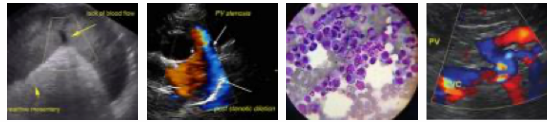
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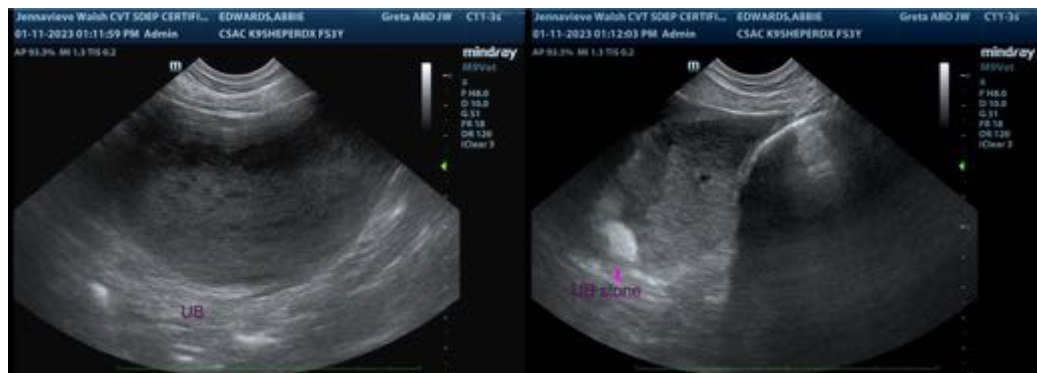
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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