



**PATIENT**

Gus Gallagher

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: Poss fb? chronic odorous eructation

**SPECIES**

Canine

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

*Urinary System*

The urinary bladder wall is 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.

**BREED**

Labrador Retriever

The prostate is normal in size (0.89 cm in width) and shape. Parenchyma is homogenous. The prostatic urethra appears normal without evidence of dilation or obstruction.

**SEX**

Male, neutered

The left kidney is normal size (5.97 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 hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

**AGE**

2 Yrs.

The right kidney is normal size (5.81 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 hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

**WEIGHT**

86 lbs.

*Adrenal Glands*

The left adrenal gland is normal size (0.61 cm at cranial pole) (0.52 cm at caudal pole) (2.27 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.

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The region of the right adrenal gland is evaluated. No obvious pathology is observed.

*Spleen*

The spleen is normal in size (1.58 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.

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*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. Luminal contents are anechoic. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not seen.

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*Gastrointestinal*

The gastric lumen is mildly fluid distended in the pyloric region. 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 retention of the normal layering pattern. There is slight disruption in the normal

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1:3 muscularis: mucosal rations in some segments. Discreet masses are not identified. The colonic wall is normal. No obvious obstructive disease is noted.

**Pancreas**

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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**

- Small intestinal wall changes are suggestive of inflammatory bowel disease.

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\*There was no obvious evidence of a foreign body/obstruction.

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Baseline labwork including a CBC chemistry panel, urinalysis and T4 is recommended, if not already performed.
- Three-view thoracic radiographs are recommended to assess for occult esophageal disease (i.e., foreign body).
- Other diagnostic/therapeutic considerations include the following:
  1. Fecal evaluation for ova/Giardia
  2. Malabsorption panel including serum cobalamin, folate, TLI and PLI.
  3. Resting cortisol level to screen for hypoadrenocorticism.
  4. 6-week limited antigen or hypoallergenic diet trial.
  5. Initiation of a probiotic
  6. Ultimately, endoscopic or surgical GI biopsies may be necessary to get a definitive diagnosis.

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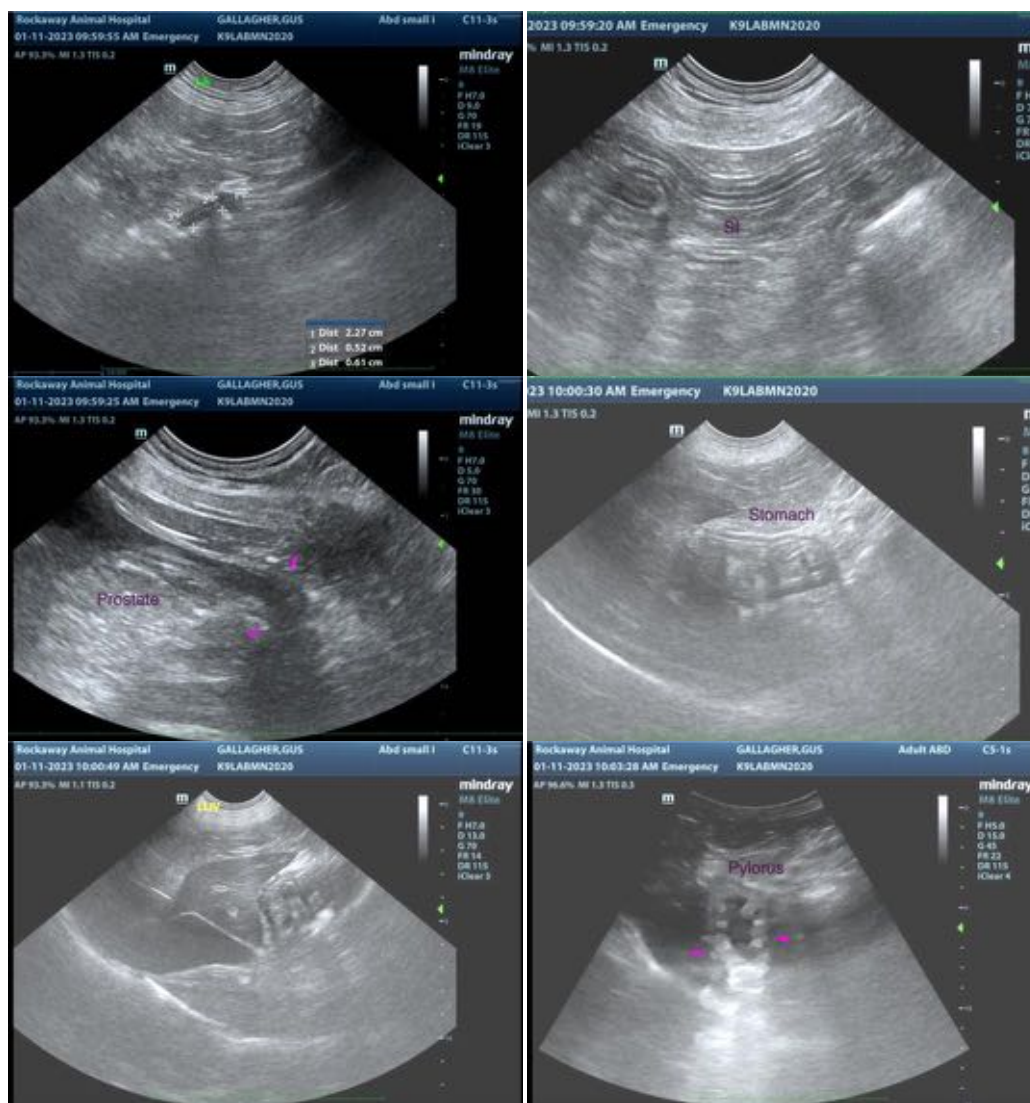
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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