



PATIENT

Sophia Garcia

PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: 3-month history distended abdomen, hepatomegaly

SPECIES

Canine

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: ALT 193, ALKP >2,000, Chol 379, Plt 601 UA: 3+ protein SG: 1.025

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Chihuahua

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

The bladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall is normal in thickness with a smooth mucosal surface. A few cystic calculi are observed (the largest stone measures approximately 0.59 cm). The remaining luminal contents are mostly anechoic. The region of the trigone and the visible portion of the proximal urethra are normal.

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Female

The left kidney presented normal size (4.44 cm in length); with a normal shape, smooth peripheral margins and normal internal architecture. There is mild loss of corticomedullary distinction. Several hyperechoic shadowing diverticular foci are observed. 1-2 small cortical cysts are seen. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, infarcts or hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

AGE

9 Years 3 Months

The right kidney presented normal size (5.02 cm in length); with a normal shape, smooth peripheral margins and normal internal architecture. There is mild loss of corticomedullary distinction. Several hyperechoic shadowing diverticular foci are observed. 1-2 small cortical cysts are seen. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, infarcts or hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

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N/A

Adrenal Glands

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The left adrenal gland is enlarged in size (0.61 cm at cranial pole) (0.95 cm at caudal pole) (2.28 cm in length); with a slightly irregular shape. 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 right adrenal gland is enlarged in size (0.90 cm at cranial pole) (1.05 cm at caudal pole) (2.78 cm in length); with a slightly irregular shape. 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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Spleen

The spleen is normal in size with a normal capsular contour. There is appropriate echogenicity and echotexture. No focal lesions are observed. Splenic vasculature is normal. The spleen measured 0.42 cm in width at the hilus.

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Liver

The liver is subjectively prominent in size with swollen curvilinear peripheral contours. The parenchyma is isoechoic relative to the spleen and exhibits mild heterogeneity. No focal distinct lesions are observed. Hepatic vasculature and biliary tracts are of normal volume with no evidence of congestion. The portal vein to caudal vena cava ratio is approximately 1:1.

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The gall bladder is moderately distended. The wall is normal in thickness. A few polypoid-like lesions are arising from the luminal surface. A small to moderate amount of aggregated echogenic partial-dependent debris/sludge is also present within the lumen. The cystic and common bile ducts are

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Gastrointestinal

The gastric lumen is moderately distended with ingesta. The gastric wall and pylorus are normal in thickness with a normal layering pattern. The pyloric outflow tract is patent. 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 brief echocardiogram reveals no evidence of pericardial effusion.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

Primary Findings

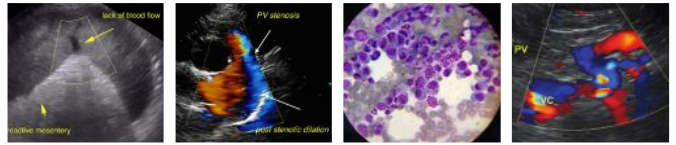
- The diffuse hepatic changes are non-specific and could be consistent with vacuolar hepatopathy, regenerative nodular hyperplasia, and/or age-related remodeling. Inflammatory and infiltrative disease are considered unlikely.
- Gall bladder sludge, non-mucocele
- Mild bilateral adrenomegaly
- Cystic calculi

Secondary Findings

- The bilateral renal findings are consistent with age-related change and dystrophic mineralization.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Consider testing for hyperadrenocorticism with a low-dose dexamethasone suppression test or ACTH stimulation test if clinical signs (i.e., PU/PD) develop in the future.
- Given the proteinuria, a UPC and baseline blood pressure measurement are also recommended.
- Three-view thoracic radiographs are recommended to assess cardiopulmonary status.
- 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



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antibiotic therapy. If there is no improvement in stone size after 4 weeks of therapy, a cystostomy should be reconsidered. If the stone size is reduced, continue therapy until complete dissolution has been achieved.

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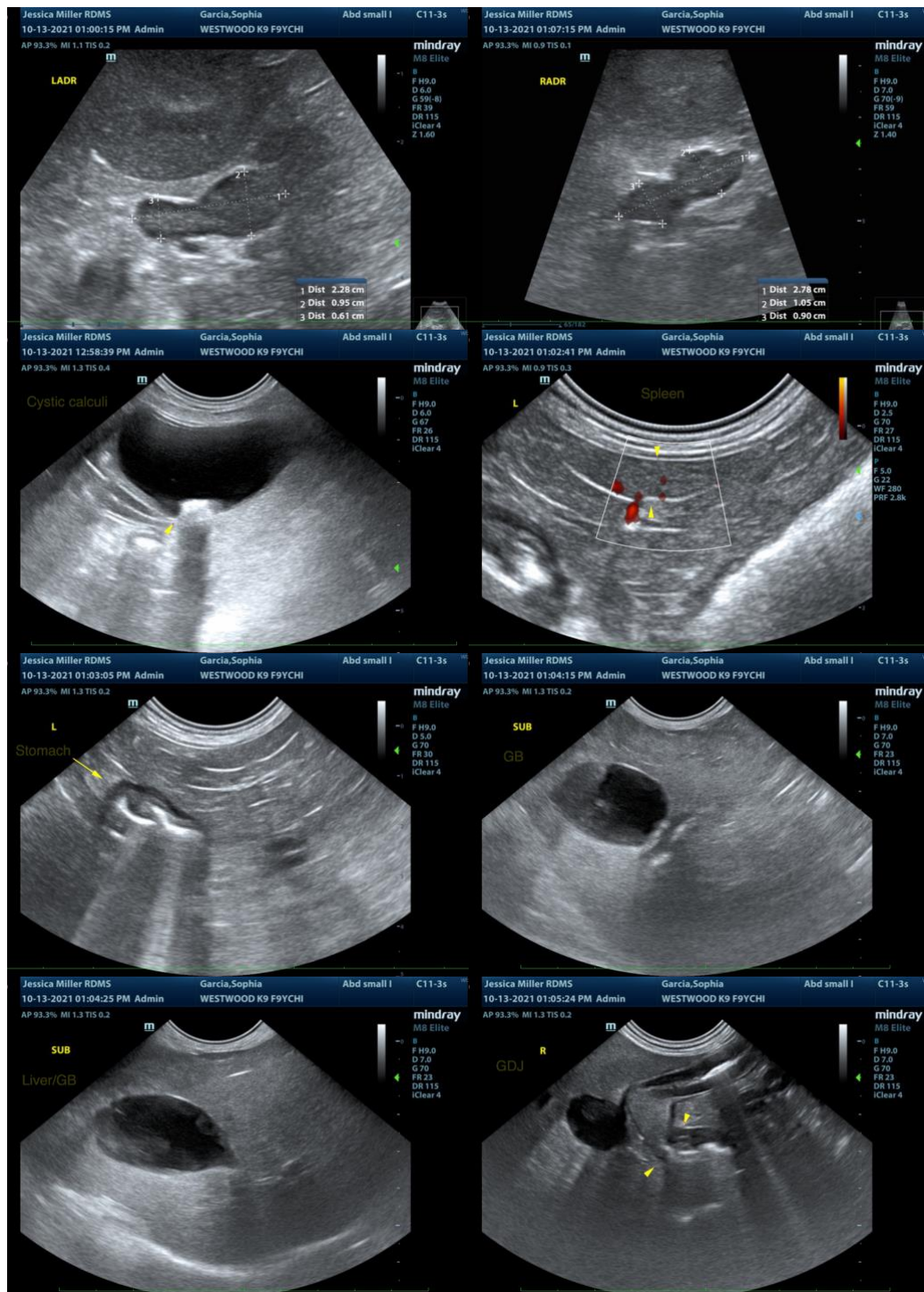
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the



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referring veterinarian. 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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