

**DATE**

10/3/22

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

For 3 weeks P has been licking and P is eating carpet because she thinks it is grass. P has been having loose bowels. Last night P was acting worse. This morning P is very nauseous. P has not vomited today.

**PATIENT**

Nestle O'Donnell

Current Medications: Buprenorphine, Protonix, Unasyn.

Lab Results: WNL.

Radiographs: Stomach small and no obvious fb obstruction.

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.

Sedation: Not required to complete full diagnostic ultrasound.

Stat Report: Not requested.

Imaging Performed By: Andi Parkinson, BS, RDMS.

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Bernese Mountain Dog

**SEX**

Female, spayed

**AGE**

6/20/2019

**WEIGHT**

101.3 lbs.

**INTERPRETED BY**

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**HOSPITAL NAME**

Animal Emergency  
Hospital

**REFERRING VET**

Dr. Roper

**INVOICE**

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**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 distended. A scant amount of suspended echogenic debris is observed within the lumen. No masses, inflammatory changes or calculi are observed. The region of the trigone and the urethral walls are normal. The lumen of the proximal urethra is mildly dilated (0.70 cm in diameter). There is no obvious evidence of an intraluminal obstruction.

The left kidney is normal size (7.18 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. Trace pyelectasia is present (0.14 cm in the transverse plane). There is no evidence of nephroliths, infarcts or hydronephrosis.

The right kidney is normal size (7.88 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. Trace pyelectasia is present. There is no evidence of nephroliths, infarcts or hydronephrosis.

**Adrenal Glands**

The left adrenal gland is normal size (0.49 cm at cranial pole) (0.63 cm at caudal pole) (2.57 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 (0.65 cm at cranial pole) (0.70 cm at caudal pole) (2.59 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 (2.25 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. 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.

### ***Gastrointestinal***

The gastric lumen is minimally distended with gas and fluid. 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 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***

There is no evidence of free fluid. The abdominal lymph nodes are normal/not visible.

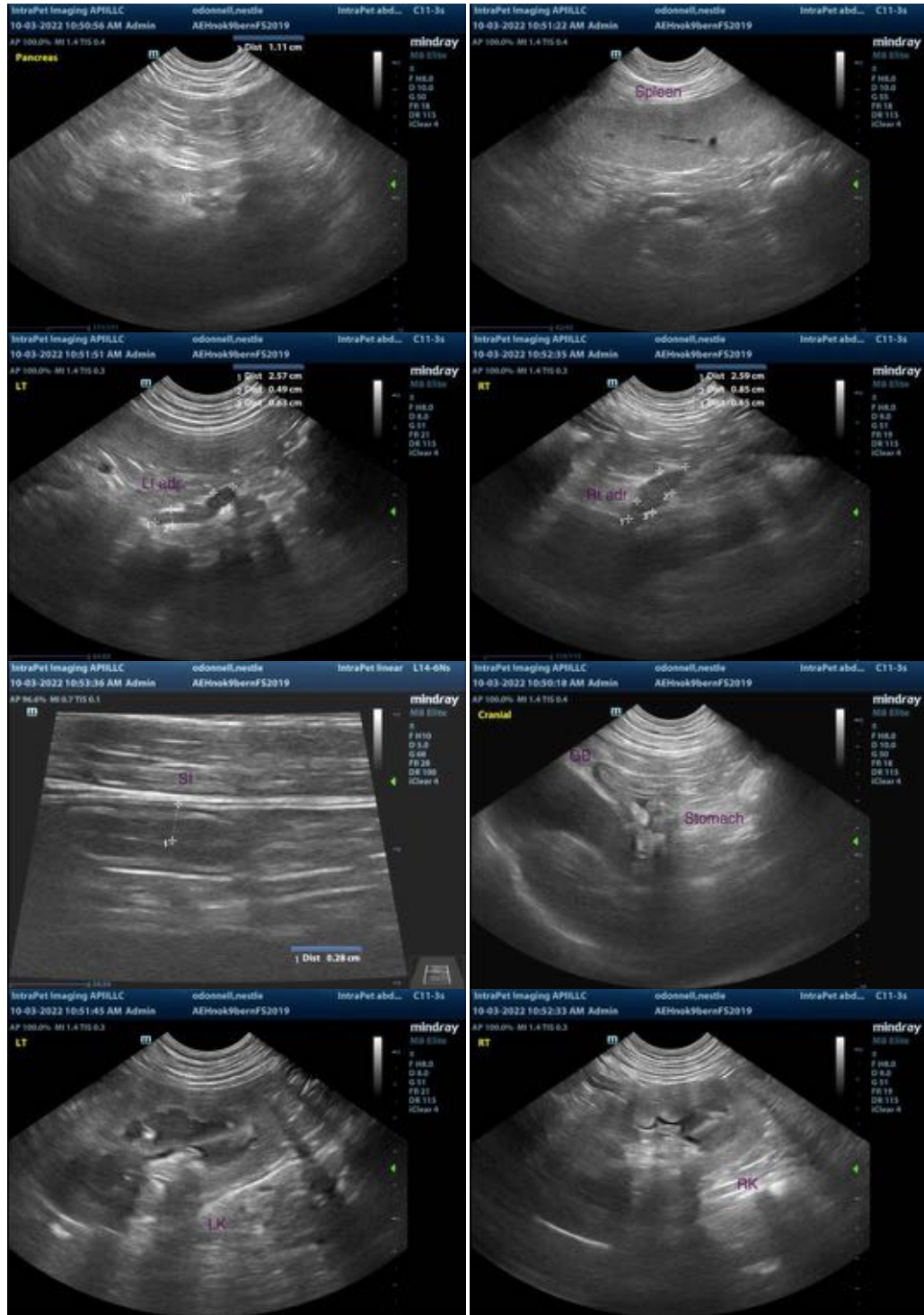
## **ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

- Bilateral trace pyelectasia. Differentials include pyelonephritis, fluid therapy (if applicable), other.

\*An obvious cause for the patient's clinical signs is not identified in this study.

## **INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Given the pyelectasia, a urinalysis with urine culture and sensitivity is recommended.
- To further investigate the nausea, consider the following:
  1. A fecal evaluation for ova/Giardia.
  2. Limited antigen or hydrolyzed protein diet trial.
  3. Malabsorption panel including serum cobalamin, folate, TLI and PLI (send to Texas A&M).
  4. A resting cortisol level to screen for hypoadrenocorticism.
  5. Consider three-view thoracic radiographs to assess for occult esophageal dysfunction.
  6. Depending on the results of the above diagnostic/therapeutics, GI biopsies (i.e., endoscopic or surgical) may be necessary to get a definitive diagnosis.
  7. In the meantime, symptomatic care (i.e., antiemetics, proton pump inhibitor, bland diet) should be considered.



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