



PATIENT

Max Vaughn

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Chihuahua

SEX

Male, castrated

AGE

1 Yr.

WEIGHT

7.5 lbs.

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: Patient presented ADR yesterday with a 2 day history of acute onset vomiting. Vomited mucous & bile Saturday. Last meal was Sunday PM and patient vomited undigested kibble afterwards. Patient has been very lethargic at home. No current medications. History of sometimes chewing up foam from bedding. Patient had a fever on presentation yesterday of 104.4; treated with SQ fluids and Cerenia injection. Fever resolved on recheck exam this morning, but patient is very lethargic and still not interested in food. No further vomiting episodes. **Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results:** CBC/Chem17/Lytes performed 12/1: - NEU 12.34 (H), PLT 129 (L), ALKP 368 (H), CI 108 (L); all else WNL Abdominal radiographs performed yesterday: smaller gas opacities present along SIT, but no obstructive gas pattern noted Abdominal radiographs repeated today: improved from yesterday; no signs of FB obstruction; no abnormal gas patterns noted; NSF Chest radiographs: appear WNL UA performed 12/2: - USG 1.024. Protein 30mg/dL. Quiet sediment. Sedated with Butorphanol and Alfaxalone for this study.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

The urinary bladder wall is normal in thickness and the mucosal surface is smooth. The bladder is moderately distended. A small amount of suspended echogenic debris is observed within the lumen. No cystic calculi are observed. The region of the trigone and the visible portion of the proximal urethra are normal.

The prostate is normal in size (0.46 cm in width) and shape. Parenchyma is homogenous. The prostatic urethra appears normal without evidence of dilation or obstruction.

The left kidney is normal in size (3.91 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 hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

The right kidney is normal in size (4.38 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 hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

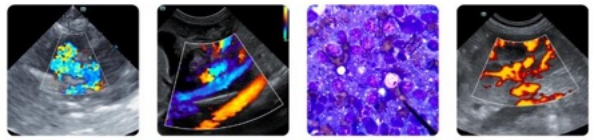
Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.34 cm at cranial pole) (0.38 cm at caudal pole) 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 normal in size (0.65 cm at cranial pole) (0.39 cm at caudal pole) 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 prominent in size (1.39 cm in width at the level of the hilus) with smooth peripheral contours. The parenchyma is subtly mottled in appearance. 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.

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.

Gastrointestinal

The gastric lumen is not distended. 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 is normal in thickness 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.

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.

Lymph nodes

The abdominal lymph nodes are normal/not visible.

Free Abdomen

The peritoneal cavity is normal. There is no evidence of inflammation or effusion.

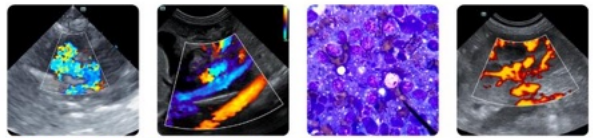
ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- The splenic parenchymal changes are most consistent with a benign process such as lymphoid hyperplasia, extramedullary hematopoiesis, splenitis or antigenic stimulation with a lower possibility of infiltrative neoplasia (i.e., lymphoma, mast cell neoplasia).

*An obvious cause for the patient's clinical signs is not definitively identified in this study. Considerations include dietary indiscretion, toxicity, infectious/parasitic disease, food allergy/intolerance, inflammatory bowel disease, occult neoplasia, underlying metabolic issue, other.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- A fecal evaluation for ova and Giardia is recommended.
- Also consider three-view thoracic radiographs to assess for occult esophageal disease and aspiration pneumonia.
- A resting cortisol level to screen for hypoadrenocorticism. If resting cortisol level is < 2.0 mcg/dL, an ACTH stimulation test is recommended
- Fine needle aspiration of the spleen can also be considered to evaluate for round cell neoplasia, particularly if clinical suspicion for disease is high.



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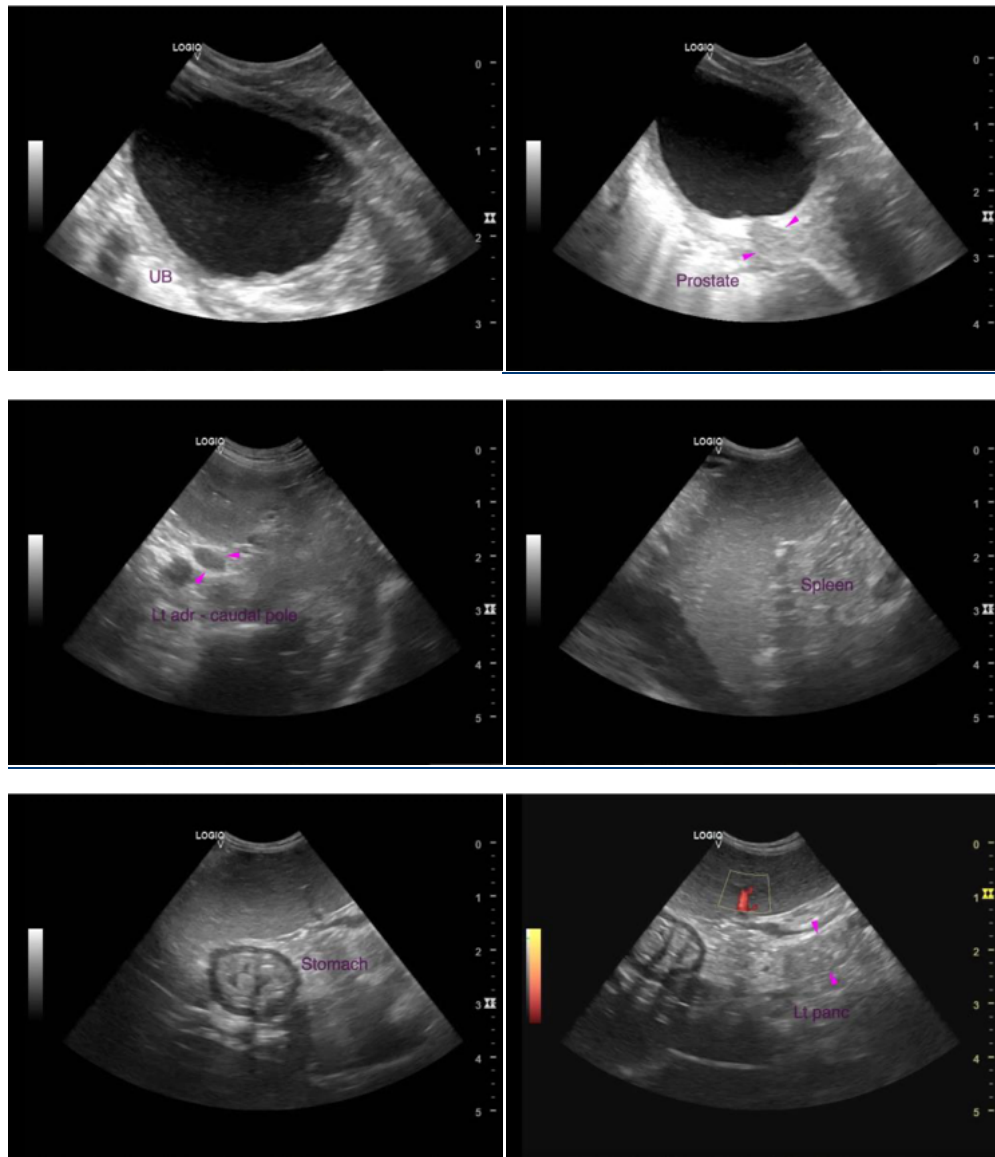
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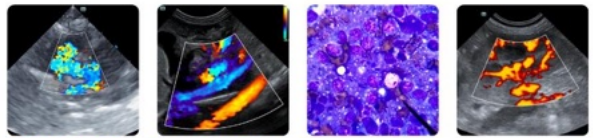
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5. While awaiting test results, symptomatic care for acute gastroenteritis is recommended. If clinical signs persist despite medical management, further GI workup (i.e., GI panel, endoscopic or surgical GI biopsies) may be indicated.





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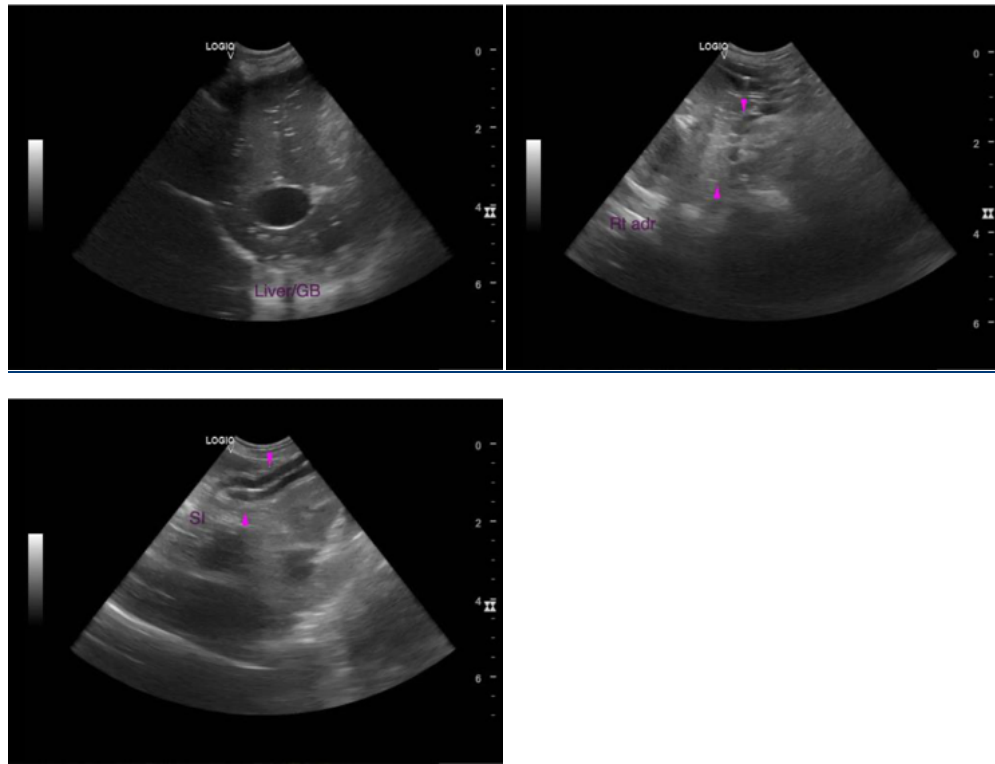
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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