

PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Roxy Weiss History: Patient presents for 3/4 lbs unexplained weight loss. History of gastric FB in May. ACTH stim - normal; performed in June - no stress leukogram was present when patient was in hospital in May. BAR today, no change in diet, recent fecal negative.

SPECIES

Canine

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: SDMA 11, GGT 3, T. bili 0.2, conj. bili < 0.1, lipase 44, T4 WNL.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

BREED

Hound Mix

Urinary System

The urinary bladder and visible portion of the pelvic urethra are normal for the degree of luminal distension. The urine is anechoic with no evidence of debris. Cystic calculi and discrete masses are not observed. The region of the trigone is normal.

SEX

Spayed Female

The left kidney is normal size (4.89 cm in length) with a normal shape, architecture and smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with minimal to mild loss of corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

AGE

9 years

The right kidney is normal size (4.44 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.

WEIGHT

35.4 lbs

Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is normal size (0.52 cm at cranial pole) (0.63 cm at caudal pole) (1.80 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.

INTERPRETED BY

Andrea Nicastro, DVM,
Diplomate ACVIM (*Small
Animal Internal Medicine*)

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

IMAGING PERFORMED BY

Kelly Vazquez

Spleen

The spleen is normal in size (1.75 cm in width at the level of the hilus) with a normal capsular contour. A light micronodular pattern is observed throughout the organ. No focal lesions are observed. Splenic vasculature is normal.

HOSPITAL NAME

Englewood Cliffs VH

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.

REFERRING VET

Dr. Rachel Park

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.

INVOICE

11904

Gastrointestinal

The gastric lumen is mildly fluid-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.

DATE

12.22.22

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.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

Primary Findings

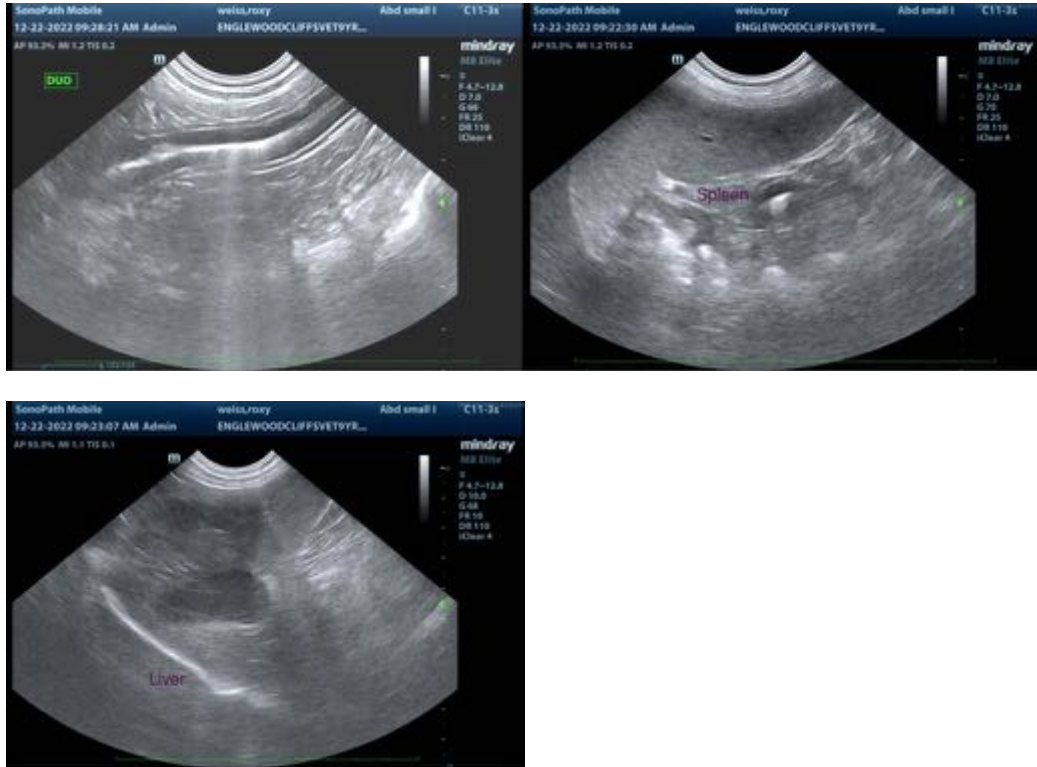
- The splenic parenchymal changes are most consistent with a benign process such as lymphoid hyperplasia, extramedullary hematopoiesis, splenitis or antigenic stimulation with a low possibility of infiltrative neoplasia (i.e., lymphoma, mast cell neoplasia).
- Minor bilateral age-related renal changes

*An obvious cause for the patient's weight loss is not identified in this study. Considerations include maldigestion/malabsorption, occult neoplasia, underlying metabolic issue, other.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Thoracic radiographs are recommended to assess for occult pathology in the chest.
- Also consider a fecal evaluation for ova and Giardia and a GI panel including serum cobalamin, folate, TLI and PLI.
- A resting cortisol level is recommended to screen for atypical hypoadrenocorticism.
- Thorough orthopedic and neurologist examinations are also recommended to assess for nonmetabolic causes of weight loss.
- Depending on the results of the above diagnostics, GI biopsies (i.e., endoscopic or surgical) may be necessary to get a definitive diagnosis.





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.

Andrea Nicastro, MPH, DVM, Diplomate DACVIM (Small Animal Internal Medicine)
info@SonoPath.com