



## PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

**Lexie Benas** History: Diarrhea and vomiting - both bloody and was having episodes every 30 mins all throughout the night - won't eat today - PLI normal, mild hyperglycemia, mild elevated lactate - treating for HGE (suspected) on metronidazole famotidine, Cerenia, vitamin B complex, methadone all given IV

## SPECIES

Canine

## BREED

Maltipoo

## SEX

Female Spayed

## AGE

4 years 6 mos

## WEIGHT

8.8

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## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

### Urinary System

The urinary bladder wall is normal in thickness. The mucosal surface is smooth. The bladder is moderately distended. Luminal contents are anechoic. No cystic calculi are observed. The region of the trigone is normal.

The left kidney is subjectively normal-in-size 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.

The right kidney is normal in size (3.18 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.

### Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.45 cm at cranial pole) (0.50 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 region of the right adrenal gland is evaluated. No obvious pathology is observed in this region.

### Spleen

The spleen is normal in size (1.00 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.

The gallbladder 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 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.



**PATIENT** *Lymph Nodes*

The abdominal lymph nodes are normal/not visible.

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*Free Abdomen*

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

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**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

Structurally unremarkable abdomen.

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

Given the clinical signs, consider the following:

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1. Fecal evaluation for ova and Giardia as well as a fecal PCR infectious disease panel
2. A resting cortisol level to screen for hypoadrenocorticism. If resting cortisol level is < 2.0 mcg/dL, an ACTH stimulation test is recommended.
3. Aggressive supportive care for acute hemorrhagic gastroenteritis, including fluid therapy, gastric protectants, a probiotic, fiber supplement, and a bland diet (when the patient is eating again). Also consider broad-spectrum antibiotic therapy to reduce the risk of bacterial translocation.
4. If clinical signs persist despite medical management, further GI work-up may be indicated.

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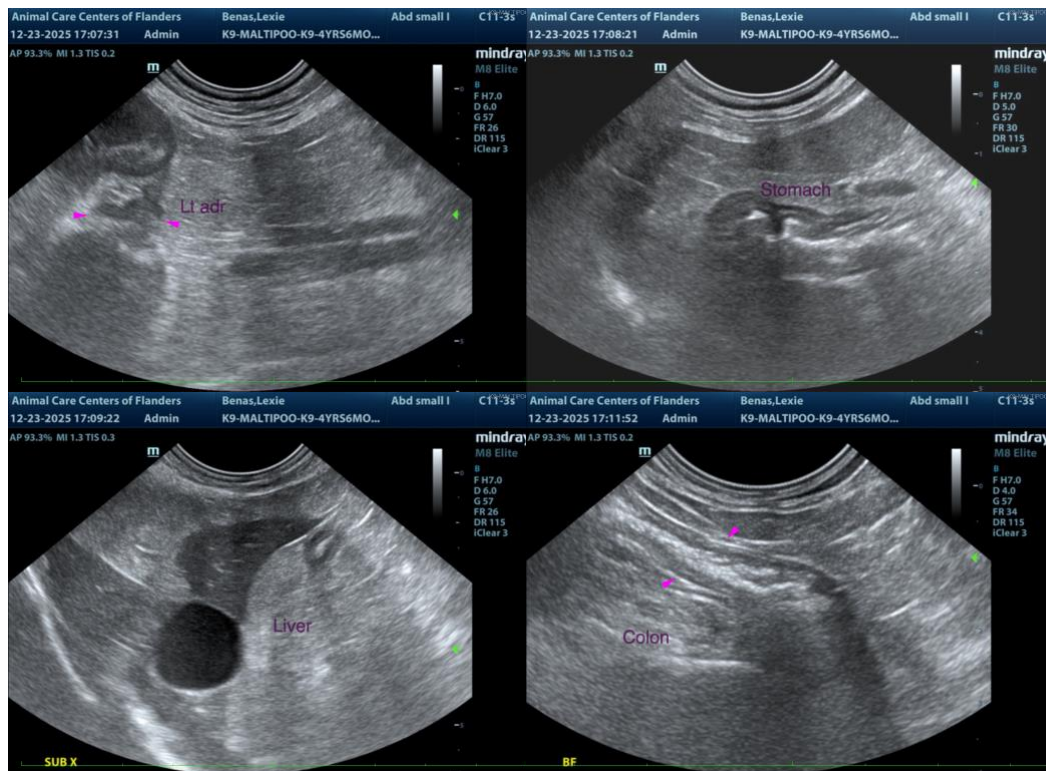
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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