



PATIENT

Indiana Trinkle-Jones

SPECIES

Canine

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German Sheppard

SEX

Female Spayed

AGE

05/10/2016

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Clinical Exam Findings: Recurrent colitis with hematochezia; Osteoarthritis and hx of diarrhea with NSAIDs (pain management with Librela); Anorexia for the past 3 days.

Abnormal lab-work values: Outstanding lab results from January 2026; Negative fecal Keyscreen from January 2026 - Eimeria only.

Current Medications: Librela, will be tranquilized with Gabapentin and Trazodone. Starting Cerenia, Sucralfate, Metronidazole and Provable today.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

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

The left kidney is normal in size (8.08 cm in length) with a normal shape, architecture and smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with minimal loss of corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

The right kidney is normal in size (8.25 cm in length) with a normal shape, architecture and smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with minimal loss of corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is enlarged (1.60 cm at cranial pole) (1.11 cm at caudal pole) with swollen peripheral contours. A 2.03 x 1.53 cm hyperechoic nodule is observed in the caudal pole. Glandular echogenicity and detail at the cranial pole are normal. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

The right adrenal gland is normal in size (1.25 cm at cranial pole) (0.73 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 enlarged with irregular peripheral contours. An 8.6 x 5.7 cm heterogenous, cavitated, exm is arising from the parenchyma, approximately mid-spleen. In the remainder of the spleen, the margins are curvilinear. The parenchyma is subtly mottled in appearance. Splenic vasculature appears normal with no evidence of thrombosis.

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 portal vein to caudal vena cava ratio is approximately 1: 1.

The gallbladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall is thin and smooth. A moderate amount of gravity-dependent, echogenic- to mineralized debris/sand is observed within the lumen. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not seen.



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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 ileoceocolic junction and colonic wall are 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

There is no obvious evidence of free fluid.

Other

A brief echocardiogram reveals no evidence of pericardial effusion or obvious right atrial/auricular mass.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

Primary Findings

- Large splenic mass. Neoplasia (i.e., hemangiosarcoma, hemangioma) is suspected, with a lower possibility of a non-neoplastic process.

Secondary Findings

- Left adrenomegaly. The left adrenal nodule could be consistent with focal nodular hyperplasia, adenoma, emerging adenocarcinoma, pheochromocytoma, other.
- Gallbladder debris/sand, non-mucocele

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

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Regarding the splenic mass, consider the following:
 1. Three-view thoracic radiographs are recommended to assess for pulmonary metastases.
 2. If there is no evidence of pulmonary metastatic disease, consider a splenectomy with submission of the spleen for histopathology. Liver biopsies should also be obtained at the time of surgery to assess for micrometastatic disease. GI biopsies should also be obtained if the patient is stable under anesthesia.
- Regarding the GI signs, consider the following:
 - Prophylactic deworming with fenbendazole (despite the negative fecal evaluation).
 - GI panel including serum cobalamin and folate, TLI, PLI and resting cortisol level.
 - Ultimately, endoscopic or surgical GI biopsies may be necessary to get a definitive diagnosis.



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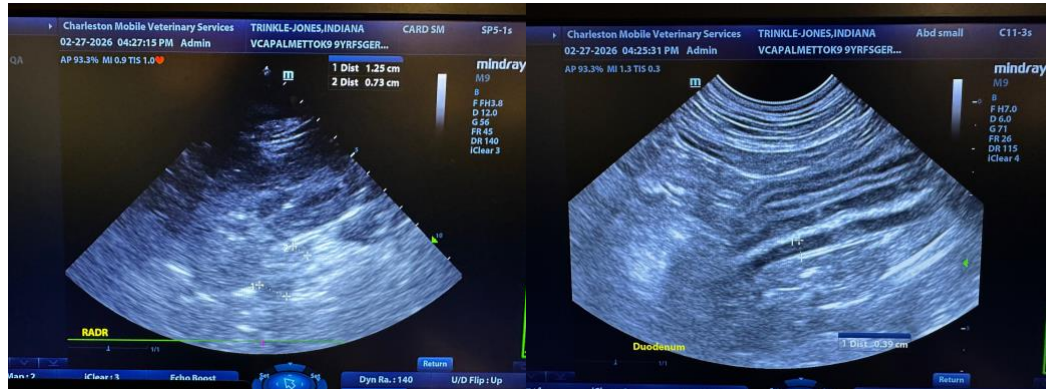
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- Regarding the left adrenal nodule, consider the following:
 - Further testing for a functional tumor (if the patient is exhibiting appropriate clinical signs)
 - Baseline blood pressure measurement, if indicated
 - Recheck ultrasound in 2-3 months to assess for growth of the lesion





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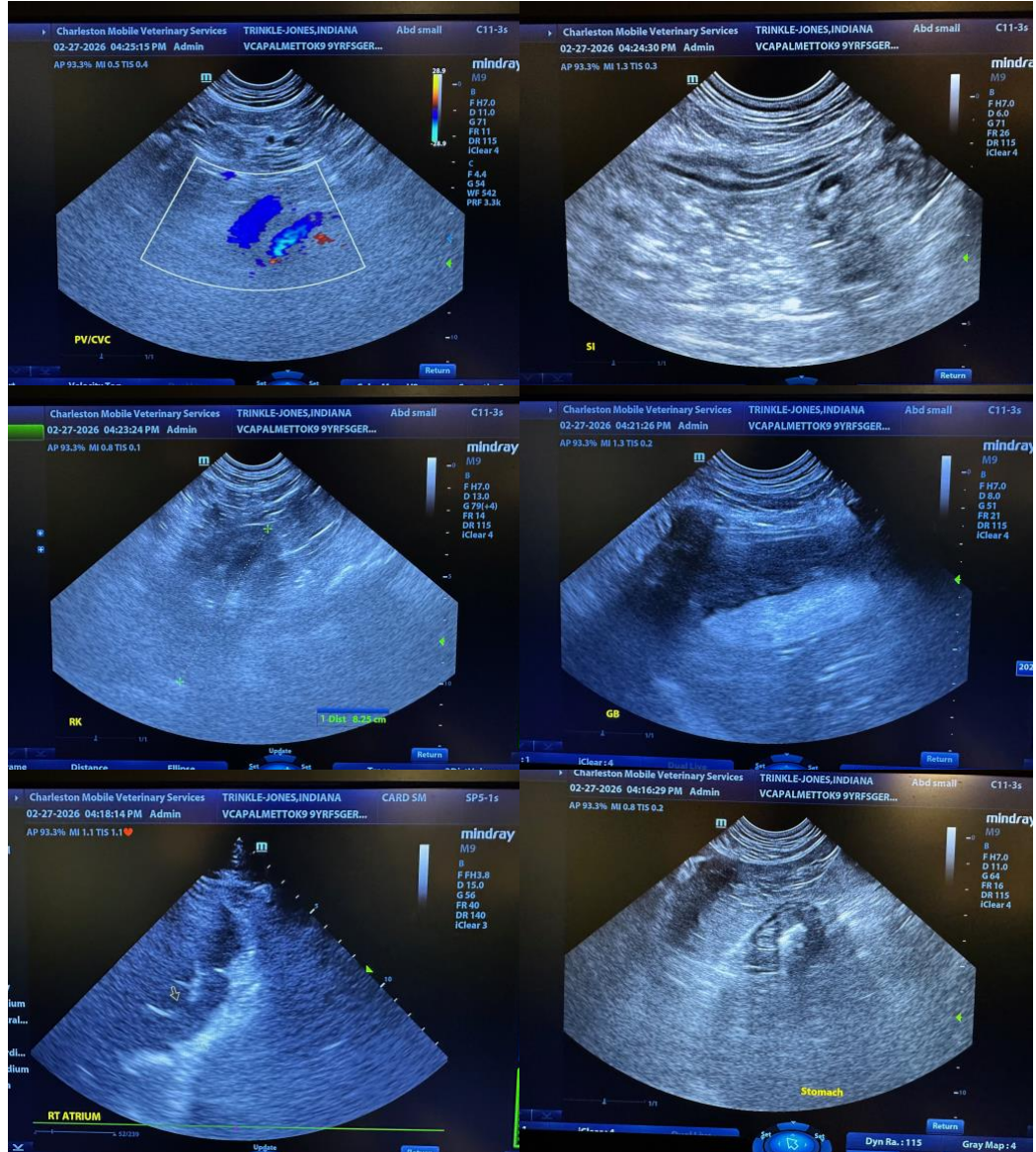
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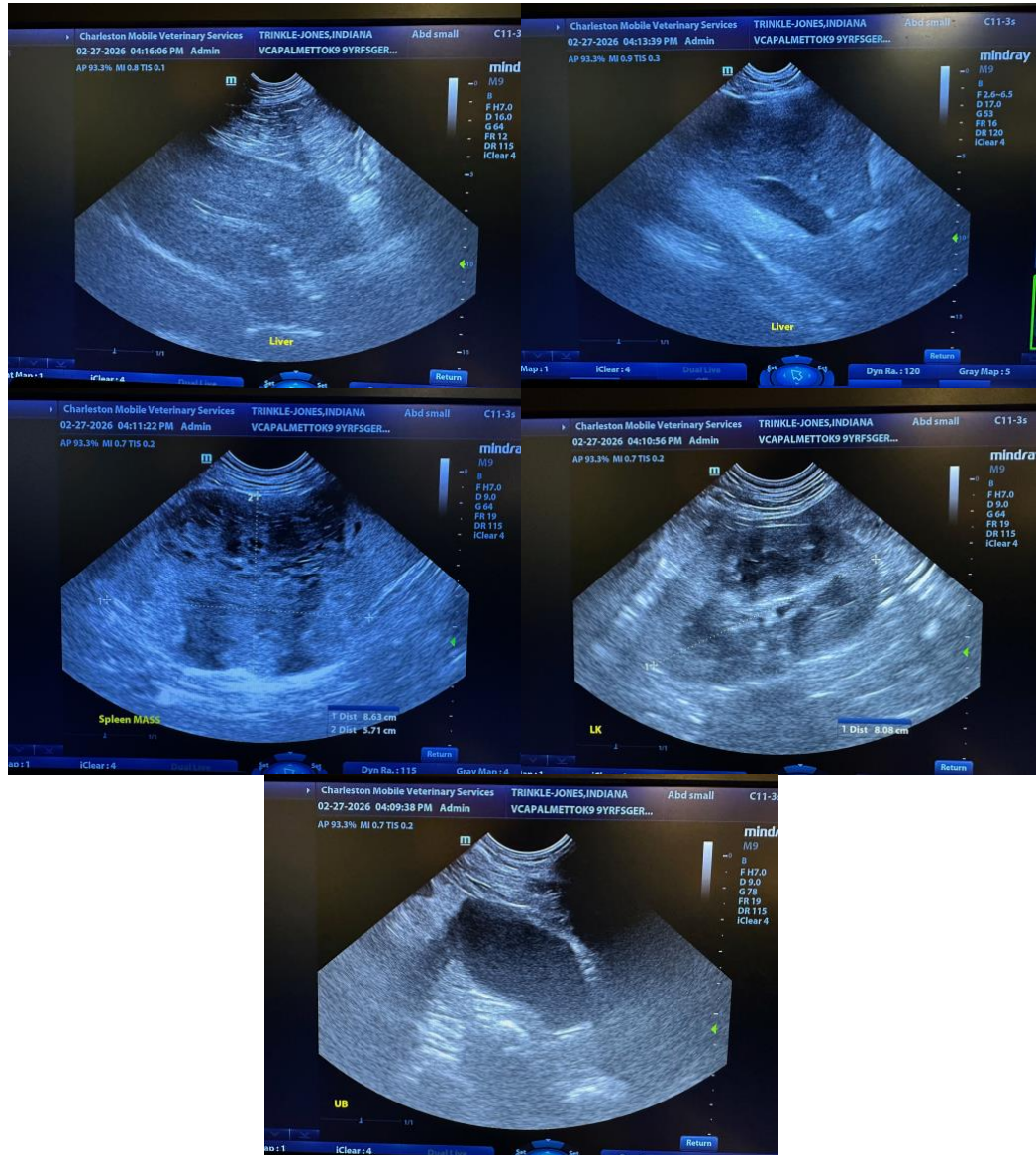
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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