



**PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Rocky Ellsworth History: Increased kidney enzymes on BW. History of MCT. Normal exam  
 Current meds: K/D diet

**SPECIES** Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: SDMA 35, Creat 3.1, BUN 57, Glob

Canine **ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**BREED** *Urinary System*

Pitbull Terrier The urinary bladder wall is normal in thickness, and the mucosal surface is smooth. The bladder is moderately distended. Luminal contents are anechoic. No cystic calculi are observed. The region of the trigone and the proximal urethra, visible to a depth of 2 cm, are normal.

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Neutered Male The prostate is normal in size (1.48 cm in width) and shape. Parenchyma is homogenous. The prostatic urethra appears normal without evidence of dilation or obstruction.

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The left kidney is subjectively normal in size (5.77 cm in length) with a relatively normal shape, and smooth peripheral contours. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with severe loss of corticomedullary distinction. Trace pyelectasia is present. There is no evidence of nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

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The right kidney is normal in size (6.97 cm in length) with a normal shape, architecture and smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with moderate-to-severe loss of corticomedullary distinction. Trace pyelectasia is present. There is no evidence of nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

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**Adrenal Glands**

The left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.43 cm at cranial pole) (0.62 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.

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The right adrenal gland is normal in size (0.81 cm at cranial pole) (0.54 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.

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**Spleen**

The spleen is normal in size (1.87cm in width at the level of the hilus) with a normal capsular contour. The parenchyma is subtly mottled in appearance, with a coarse echotexture. 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.

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

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**Gastrointestinal**

The stomach and intestine are free of stasis and exhibit normal peristaltic activity. The gastric lumen is mildly distended with ingesta. 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



**PATIENT** Rocky Ellsworth 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**

**SPECIES** Canine The right limb of the pancreas is visible with normal curvilinear peripheral contours. The parenchyma is largely isoechoic relative to surrounding omental fat and slightly mottled in appearance. The pancreatic duct is visible but not overtly dilated. There is no evidence of peripancreatic inflammation or effusion.

**BREED** Pitbull Terrier **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.

**Neutered Male** **ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

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- Bilateral non-specific chronic renal changes. The bilateral pyelectasia may be secondary to parenchymal remodeling, pyelonephritis, PU/PD (if applicable), fluid therapy (if applicable), or some combination thereof.

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**Secondary Findings**

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- Minor retained gastric ingesta
- Gallbladder debris, non-mucocele
- 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).
- The pancreatic changes are most consistent with age-related parenchymal remodeling, potentially secondary to a prior inflammatory episode, early fibrosis or chronic pancreatitis.

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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- Given the azotemia, consider the following:
  1. Urine culture and sensitivity
  2. UPC if proteinuria is present in the absence of infection
  3. A resting cortisol level to screen for hypoadrenocorticism. If resting cortisol level is < 2.0 mcg/dL, an ACTH stimulation test is recommended.
  4. Leptospirosis testing (i.e., blood and urine PCR, serology), particularly if clinical suspicion for disease is high.
  5. Baseline blood pressure measurement
  6. Transition to a prescription renal diet (if the patient will tolerate it)
  7. Symptomatic care and serial monitoring of the patient's renal values to assess progression of the azotemia.



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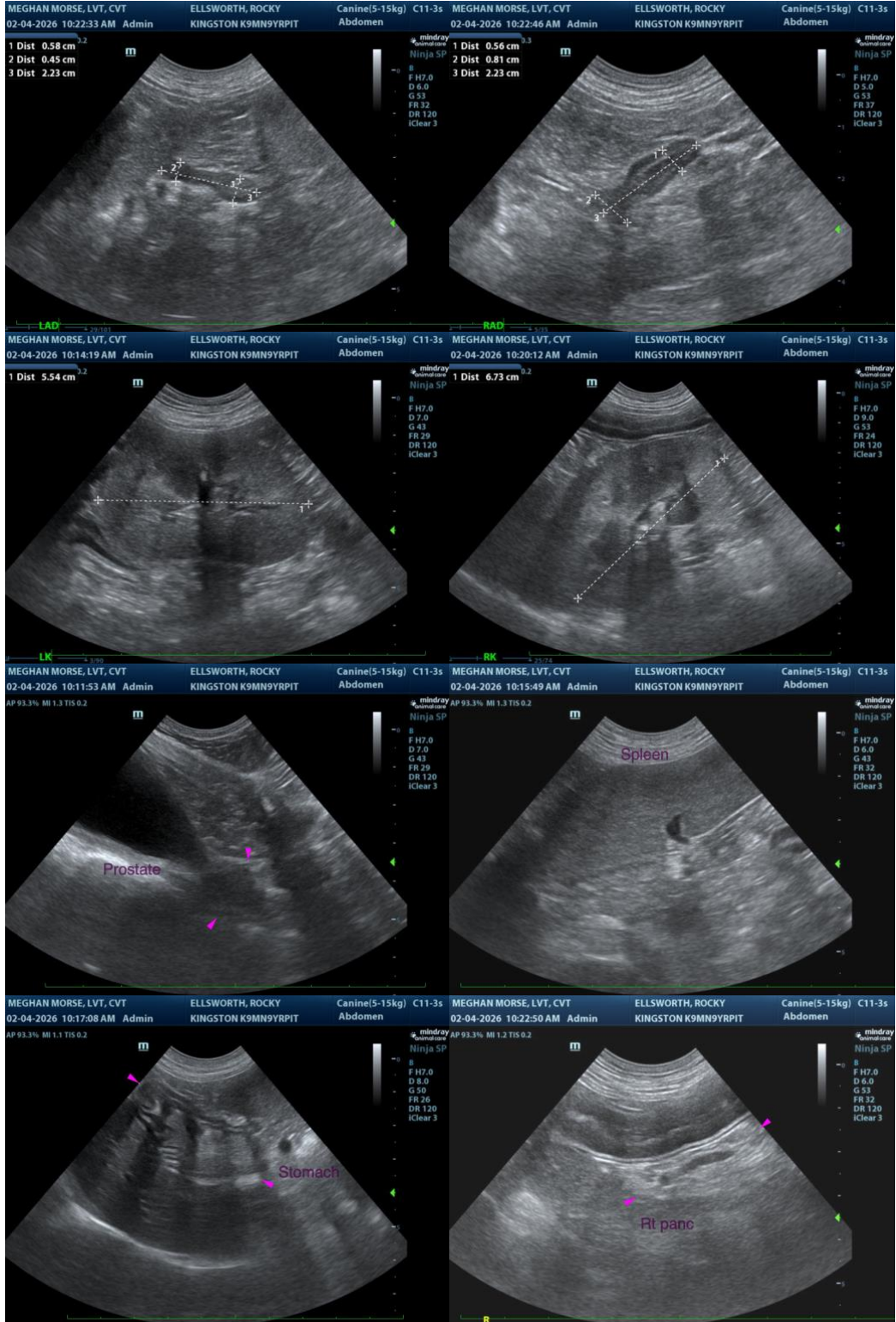
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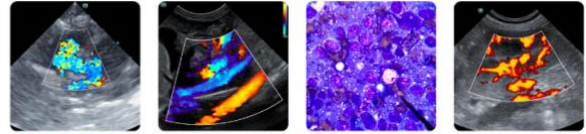
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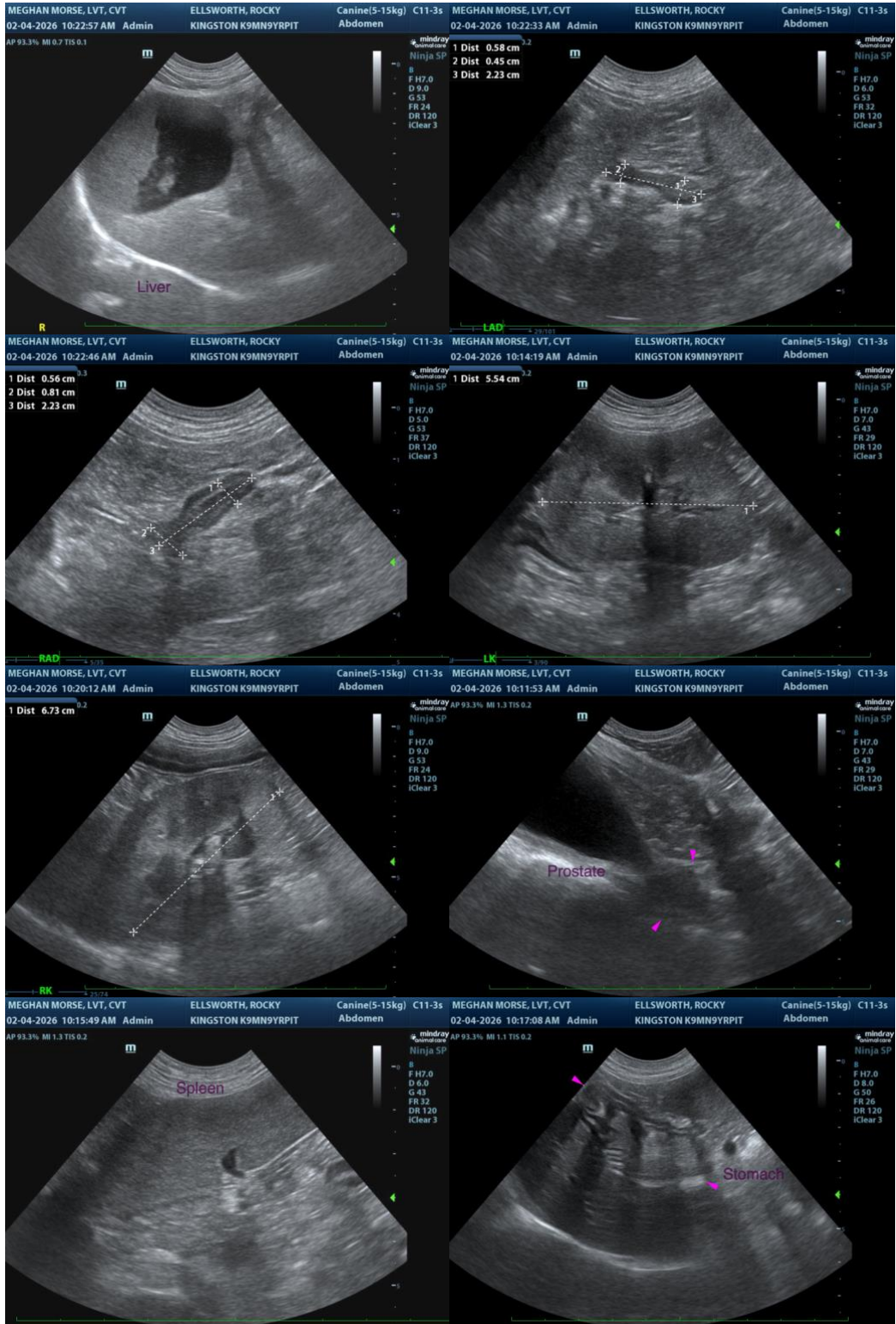
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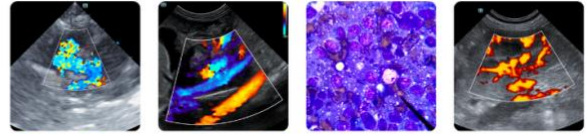
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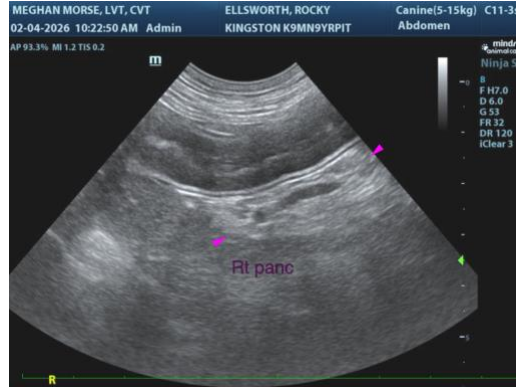
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Thank you for this referral. If the clinical or image interpretation does not parallel your findings or if I can be of any further assistance, please contact me.

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