



**PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Brody Cappuccino History: painful abd trouble walking

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Basset Hound

**SEX**

Neutered Male

**AGE**

7 years

**WEIGHT**

65 lbs

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**DATE**

3.13.23

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**Urinary System**

The urinary bladder wall is normal in thickness and the mucosal surface is smooth. The bladder lumen is moderately distended with anechoic urine. No masses, inflammatory changes or calculi are observed. Ureteral papillae and visualized portion of the proximal urethra, visible to a depth of 2 cm, are normal.

The prostate is not visualized in its entirety due to its pelvic location. In the visualized portion it appears normal in size (1.30 cm in width) with normal curvilinear peripheral contours and homogenous parenchyma. The prostatic urethra does not appear to be overtly dilated.

The left kidney is normal in size (5.49 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. A hyperechoic medullary band is observed at the corticomedullary junction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

The right kidney is normal in size (7.79 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. A hyperechoic medullary band is observed at the corticomedullary junction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

**Adrenal Glands**

The left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.72 cm at cranial pole) (0.64 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 caudal pole of the right adrenal gland is visualized and is in normal size (0.57 cm in width) with a normal shape, glandular echogenicity and detail.

**Spleen**

The spleen is normal in size (1.45 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. No pathological hepatic lymphadenopathy observed.

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.

**Gastrointestinal**

The lumen is not 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.

### **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.

### **Other**

The caudal vena cava appears subjectively dilated (2.77 cm in diameter) relative to the abdominal aorta. There is possible mild dilation of at least one hepatic vein.

## **ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

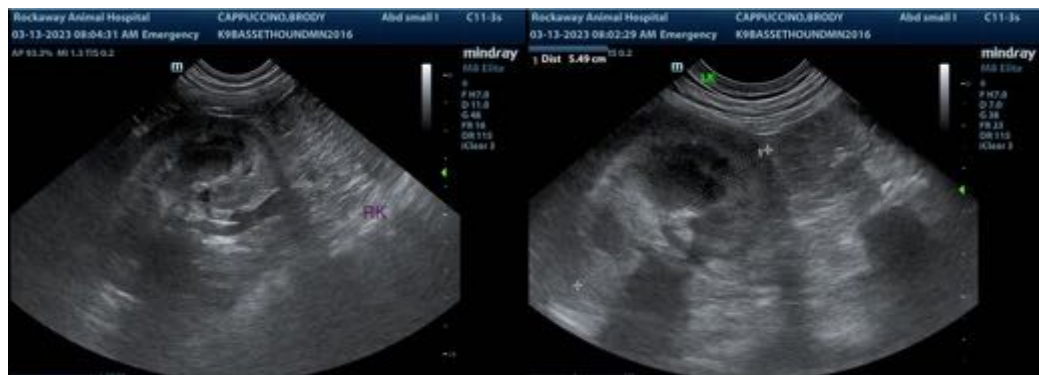
### **Findings**

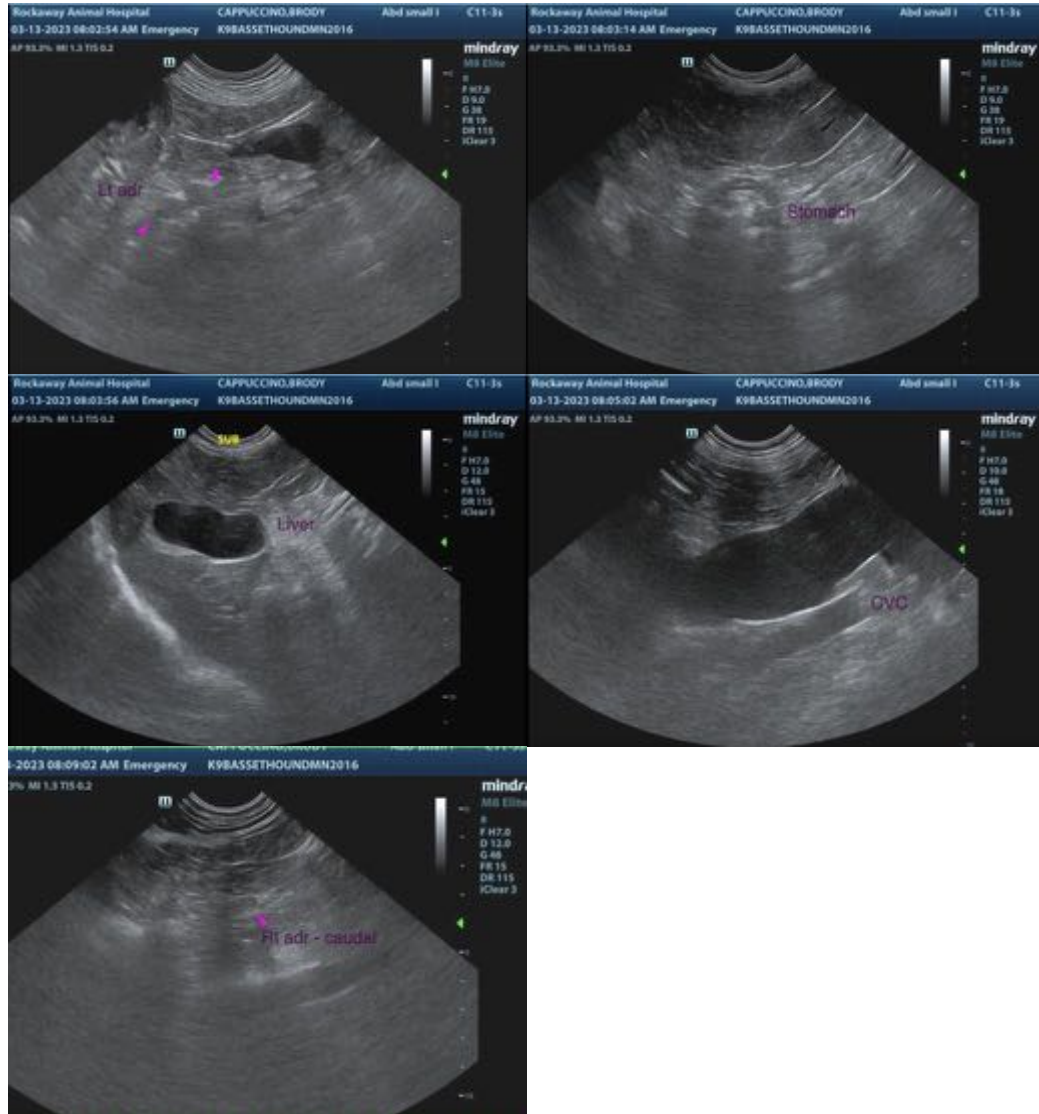
- Minimal bilateral age-related renal changes
- Caudal vena cava +/- hepatic vein distention. This may be secondary to Dexdomitor sedation (if applicable) or increased hydrostatic pressure (i.e., due to right-sided congestive heart failure, obstruction of the thoracic caudal vena cava), other. Correlation with the patient's clinical history is recommended.

\*An obvious cause for the patient's clinical signs is not definitively identified in this study. Considerations include orthopedic or neurologic pain, occult pyelonephritis, mild pancreatitis, gastroenteritis, other.

## **INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Orthopedic and neurologic examinations are recommended. Consider spinal +/- limb radiographs, if warranted.
- Also consider a urine culture and sensitivity to assess for occult pyelonephritis.
- A cPLI can also be considered to evaluate for mild pancreatitis.
- If the patient was not sedated with Dexdomitor, consider thoracic radiographs +/- a cardiac work-up.





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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