



**PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

**PATIENT** Ebony Braithwaite History: Acute onset vomiting and lethargy. Concern for gastric FB on rads. History of presumed bladder carcinoma. QAR exam WNL

**SPECIES** Medications: Fluids, pantop, Cerenia 1 dose, GABA, Traz, piroxicam  
 Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: WNL

Canine

**BREED**

Pitbull Terrier Mix

**SEX**

Female Spayed

**AGE**

11 years 4 mos

**WEIGHT**

45.2 lbs

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**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**Urinary System**

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 3.5-4.0 cm, are normal.

The left kidney is normal in size (5.61 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.

The right kidney is normal in size (5.52 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.

**Adrenal Glands**

The left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.48 cm at cranial pole) (0.46 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 right adrenal gland is normal in size (0.76 cm at cranial pole) (0.59 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 normal in size (1.56 cm in width at the level of the hilus) with a normal capsular contour. The parenchyma is subtly mottled in appearance. No focal lesions are observed. Splenic vasculature is normal.

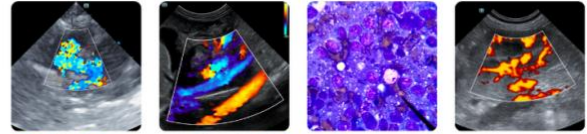
**Liver**

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 mildly distended with ingesta and soft, shadowing material. The gastric wall is normal- to moderately thickened (up to 0.81 cm) with apparent retention of the normal layering pattern. The mesentery effacing the serosal surface of the stomach is slightly hyperechoic. 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.



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**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.

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**Lymph nodes**

The abdominal lymph nodes are normal/not visible.

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**Free Abdomen**

There is no obvious evidence of free fluid.

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

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**Primary Findings**

- The gastric wall changes could be consistent with gastritis, or less likely, emerging neoplasia. Mild adjacent peritonitis is present. The gastric luminal contents may represent normal ingesta and/or foreign material. The contents appear nonobstructive at the time of this study.

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**Secondary Findings**

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

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

An upper GI endoscopy can be considered to assess for and remove any gastric foreign material, if present. GI biopsies are also recommended. If endoscopy is not pursued at this time, consider repeating a fasted ultrasound in 12-24 hours. If shadowing luminal contents persist, an endoscopy can be revisited. In the meantime, supportive care for gastritis is recommended.

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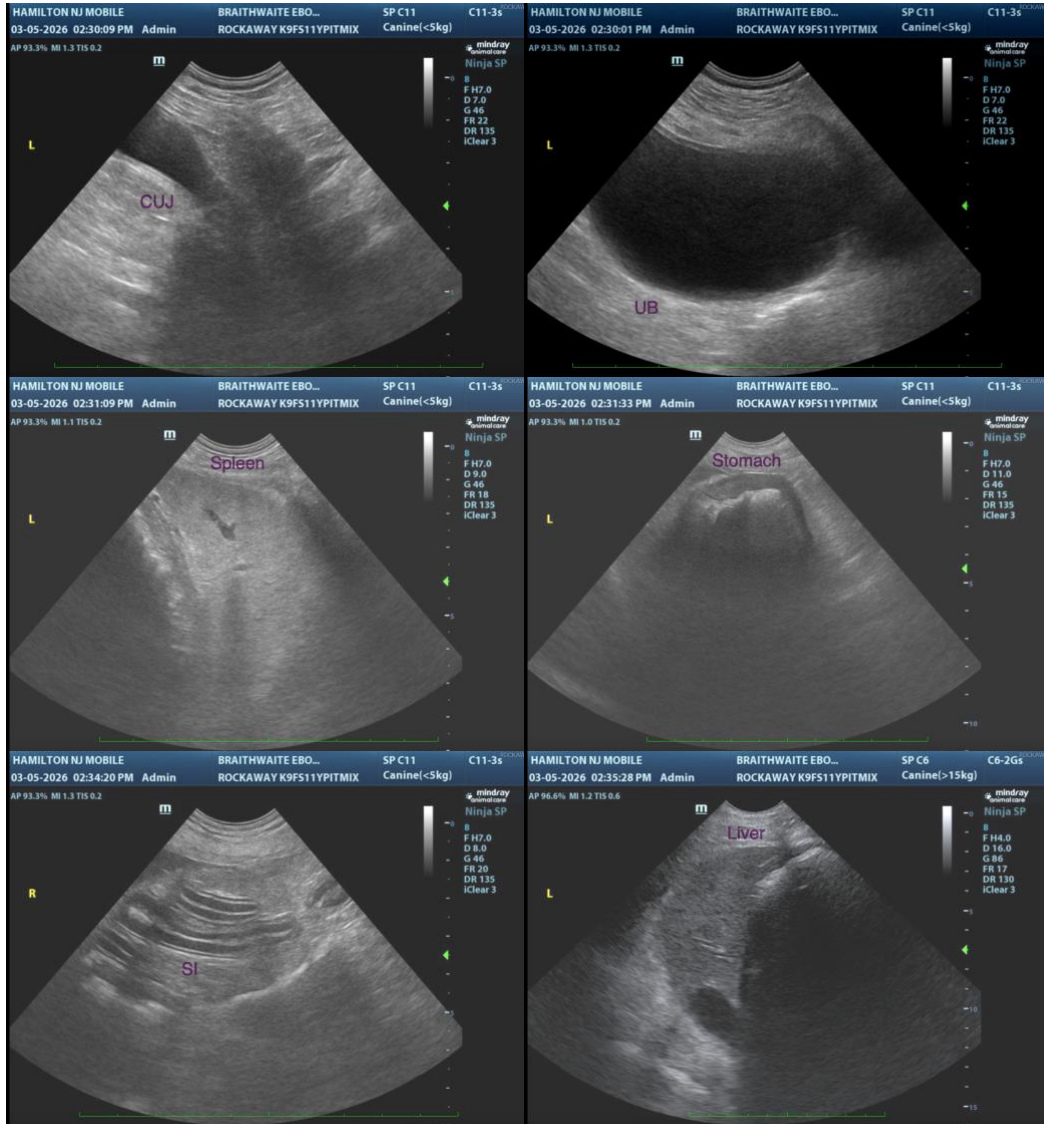
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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