



## PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

**Wizo Academi**  
History: Wizo presented on 2/5/26 and 3/5/26 for an acute bout of ADR, lethargy, decreased appetite, and loose stool. In both instances he responded quickly to IV fluids and GI supportive care.

## SPECIES

Canine

## BREED

German Shepherd Dog

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Hematocrit 22%. Nonregenerative. Mild leukocytosis with a neutrophilia. Mild hypokalemia. Depressed, vitals WNL, loose watery stool. Radiographs at both visits revealed a large amount of gas in the SI and LI. He has been anemic and has had an increased WBC count at both visits also. See attached bloodwork.

## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

### SEX *Urinary System*

Intact Male

The urinary bladder wall is normal in thickness. The mucosal surface is smooth. The bladder is distended. Luminal contents are mostly anechoic. No cystic calculi are observed. The region of the trigone and the proximal urethra, visible to a depth of 3 cm, are normal.

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The prostate is enlarged (4.1 cm in width) with smooth peripheral contours. The parenchyma is hyperechoic relative to surrounding omental fat, and subtly heterogenous in appearance. The prostatic urethra is not overtly dilated.

### WEIGHT

70.6 lbs

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 minimal loss of corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

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The right kidney is normal in size (8.30 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 hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

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### *Adrenal Glands*

The left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.64 cm at cranial pole) (0.53 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 (0.43 cm at cranial pole) (0.51 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 (2.18 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.

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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 is of normal contours and contains some dependent echogenic debris. The wall is normal in thickness. No choleliths are observed. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not seen.



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**Gastrointestinal**

The gastric 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 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.

**Lymph Nodes**

The abdominal lymph nodes are normal/not visible.

**Free Abdomen**

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

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

- 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).
- The prostate changes are most consistent with benign prostatic hyperplasia. Bacterial prostatitis is also a differential but considered unlikely in the absence of lower urinary tract signs.
- The remainder of the abdomen is structurally unremarkable.

\*An obvious cause for the patient's clinical signs is not definitively identified in this study. Considerations include a microscopic enteropathy (i.e., food allergy/intolerance, inflammatory bowel disease, infectious/parasitic disease), underlying metabolic issue, other.

\*\*An obvious cause for the patient's anemia is not definitively identified in this study. Broad considerations include early blood loss, hemolysis/autoimmune disease, decreased red blood cell production, chronic disease, other.

**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Regarding the anemia consider the following:
  1. A repeat CBC with reticulocyte count and clinical pathology review is recommended.
  2. Three-view thoracic radiographs are recommended to assess for occult pathology in the chest.
  3. A comprehensive tick panel, including PCR and serology (submission to North Carolina State University's Vector Borne Disease Diagnostic Lab is recommended. <https://cvm.ncsu.edu/research/labs/clinical-sciences/vector-borne-disease>).
  4. +/- bone marrow aspirate if an underlying cause for the anemia is not identified
- Regarding the GI signs, consider the following diagnostics/treatment recommendations:
  1. Texas GI panel including serum cobalamin, folate, PLI, TLI and resting cortisol level
  2. A fecal evaluation for ova/Giardia
  3. Prophylactic deworming with Fenbendazole.
  4. A 3-4-week hypoallergenic or hydrolyzed protein diet trial



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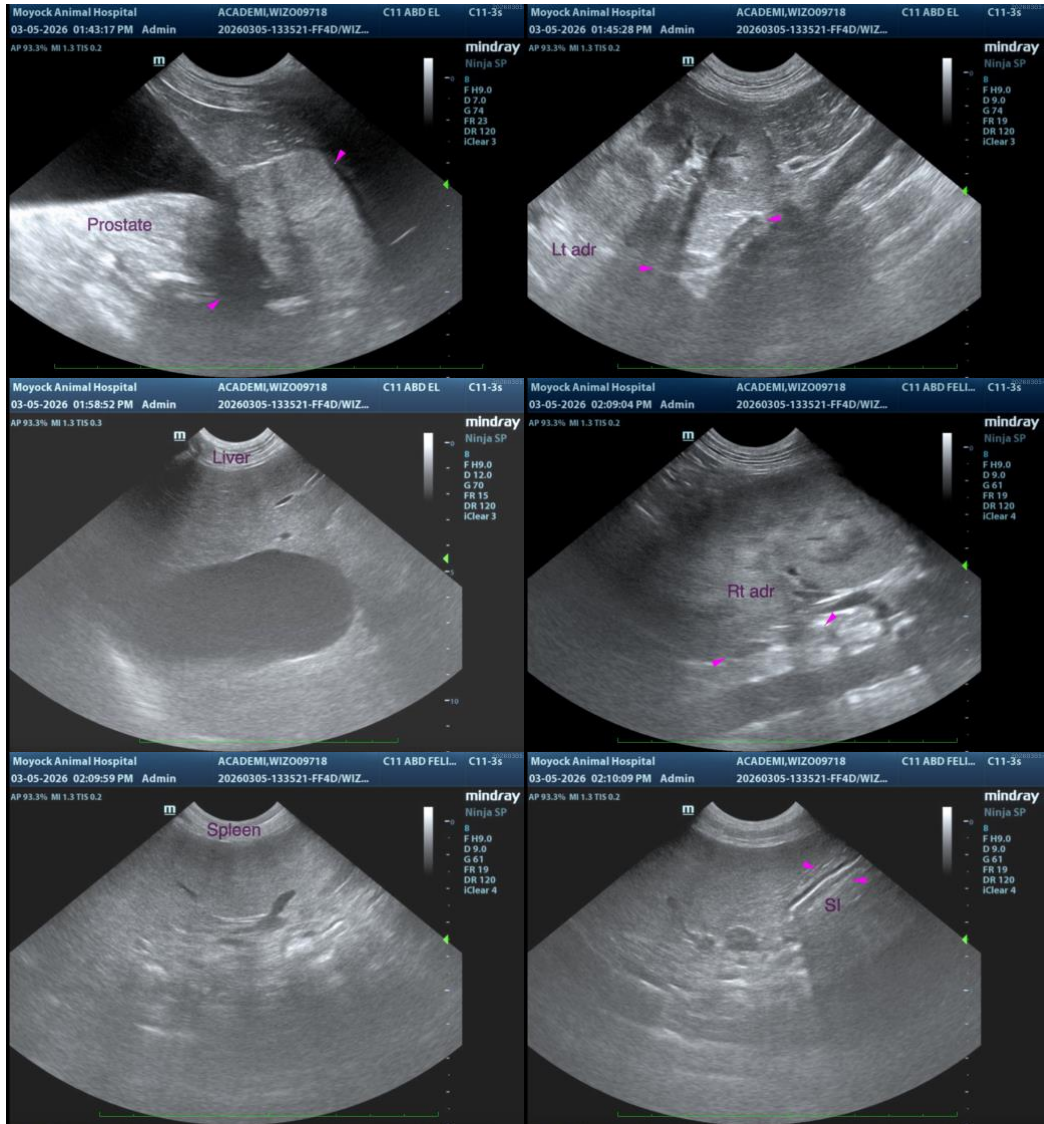
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5. Also consider initiating a probiotic with a high colony count +/- fiber supplement (i.e., psyllium).
6. Depending on the results of the above diagnostics/therapeutics, endoscopic or surgical gastrointestinal biopsies may be warranted.





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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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