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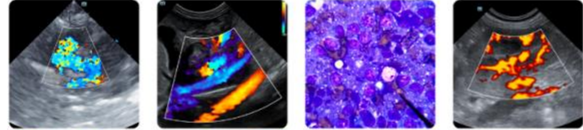

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PATIENT

Sami Chionchio

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Yorkie

SEX

Female Spayed

AGE

12/5/2015

WEIGHT

6.3 lbs

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Clinical Exam Findings: P presented for physical exam/annual. H/o pancreatitis and intermittent diarrhea.
4/4/26 Abnormal lab-work values:
Chem - Albumin 2.3, Globulin 3.8, A/G ratio 0.6, Triglycerides 316
CBC - platelet clumping, otherwise wnl
Current Medications: Trazodone 50 mg - give 1/4tb po 2 hr prior

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 and visible portion of the proximal urethra are normal.

The left kidney is normal in size (3.26 cm in length) with a normal shape, architecture and smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with mild loss of corticomedullary distinction. Several, small, nonobstructive mineralized foci are visualized. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

The right kidney is normal in size (3.41 cm in length) with a normal shape, smooth peripheral margins, and normal internal architecture. There is mild- to moderate loss of corticomedullary distinction. Several hyperechoic shadowing diverticular foci are observed. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, infarcts or hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.40 cm at cranial pole) (0.48 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 (0.50 cm at cranial pole) (0.39 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 (1.08 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. 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 small- to moderate amount of gravity-dependent, echogenic- to mineralized debris/sand, +/- at least one, small, nonobstructive cholelith is observed within the lumen. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not seen.

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

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intestinal wall is normal in thickness with retention of the normal layering pattern. There is evidence of mucosal speckling and suspected striations in several segments. Discreet masses are not identified. The colonic wall is normal. There is no obvious 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
There is no obvious evidence of free fluid.

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

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

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

Primary Findings

- Given the patient's clinical history and sonographic bowel changes, a protein-losing enteropathy (i.e., lymphangiectasia, inflammatory bowel disease, infectious/parasitic disease) is suspected.

Secondary Findings

- Bilateral nonspecific age-related renal changes with nonobstructive nephrocalcinosis
- Gallbladder debris/sand +/- a nonobstructive cholelith (non-mucocele)

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

The following diagnostics/treatment recommendations can be considered:

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 low-fat limited antigen trial is recommended.
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.
7. Three-view thoracic radiographs should be performed prior to any anesthetic event.

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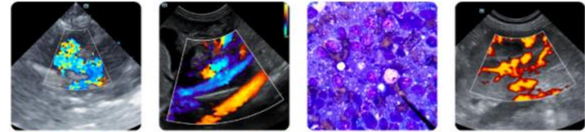

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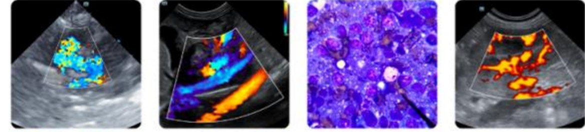

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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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