



## PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Boomer Doherty

History: Chronic intermittent vomiting; R/O ileus vs. other. Current meds: Cerenia 60 mgs SID for nausea/vomiting.

## SPECIES

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Na 161, rest WNL.

Canine

## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

### BREED

#### Urinary System

Labrador Retriever

The urinary bladder, trigone, and pelvic urethra are 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.

### SEX

Neutered Male

The prostate is normal in size (1.49 cm in length) (0.93 cm in width) and shape. Parenchyma is homogenous. The prostatic urethra appears normal without evidence of dilation or obstruction.

### AGE

3.5 years

The left kidney is normal size (7.13 cm in length); normal shape and architecture with smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with normal corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

### WEIGHT

107.3 lbs

The right kidney is normal size (7.53 cm in length); normal shape and architecture with smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with normal corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

## INTERPRETED BY

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#### Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is small in size (0.50 cm at cranial pole) (0.54 cm at caudal pole) (2.10 cm in length); normal shape; homogenous parenchyma. The glandular echogenicity and detail are unremarkable. Capsule, cortex, and medullary definition are normal. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

## IMAGING PERFORMED BY

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The right adrenal gland is small in size (0.47 cm at cranial pole) (0.52 cm at caudal pole) (2.05 cm in length); normal shape; homogenous parenchyma. The glandular echogenicity and detail are unremarkable. Capsule, cortex, and medullary definition are normal. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

## HOSPITAL NAME

Westwood Regional VH

#### Spleen

The spleen is normal in size (1.63 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.

## REFERRING VET

Dr. Taylor McConnell

#### Liver

## INVOICE

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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.

## DATE

5/18/22

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 gastric lumen is mildly distended with gas and soft, shadowing material. The gastric wall is normal in thickness with a normal layering pattern. The proximal duodenal lumen is mildly distended with chyme. The remaining small intestinal segments are 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.

### ***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.

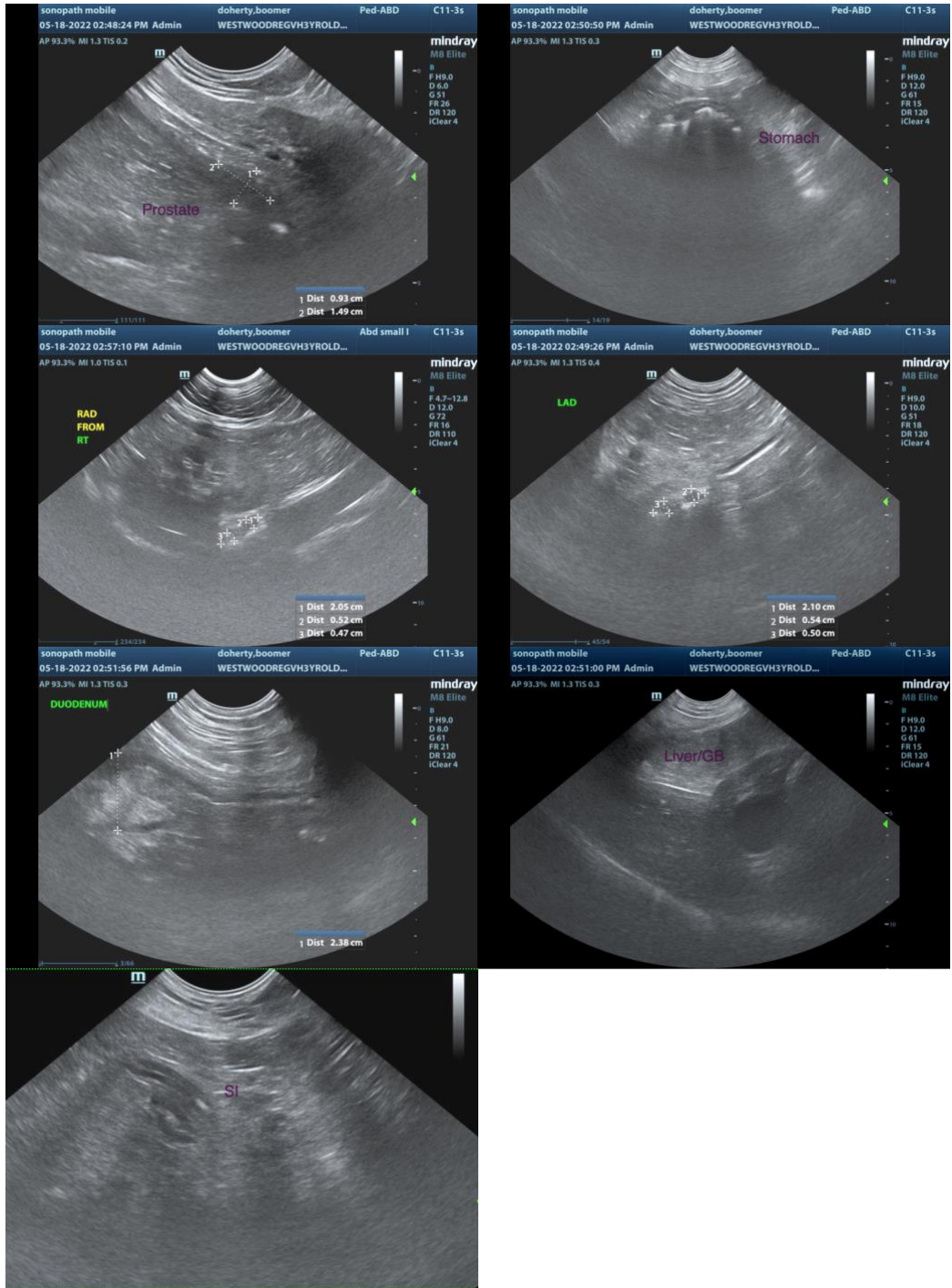
## **ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

### **Primary Findings**

- The gastric luminal contents may represent normal ingesta and/or foreign material (i.e., grass, cloth). Correlation with clinical history is recommended.
- The small (adrenal glands may be a normal variant or could be consistent with early atrophy (i.e., secondary to hypoadrenocorticism)

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

- Consider abdomen radiographs to further evaluate the stomach for luminal foreign material.
- Other diagnostic considerations include the following:
  1. Fecal evaluation for ova and Giardia
  2. A resting cortisol level to screen for hypoadrenocorticism. If resting cortisol level is < 2.0 mcg/dL, an ACTH stimulation test is recommended.
  3. Malabsorption panel, including serum cobalamin and folate, TLI and PLI
  4. A 6-week limited antigen diet trial to assess for food allergies
  5. Thoracic radiographs to assess for occult esophageal disease.
  6. Depending on the results of the above diagnostics, endoscopic or surgical gastrointestinal biopsies may be necessary to get a definitive diagnosis.



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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