



**PATIENT**

Chewy Lovern

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Cocker Spaniel

**SEX**

Female Spayed

**AGE**

12/6/14

**WEIGHT**

23 lbs

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Clinical Exam Findings:

-Work-up for chronic urinary incontinence

-Recent labwork wnl

-Per o, wears diaper for inconsistent incontinence

-Records recently shared by owner state that pet had cystotomy (struvites) and vulvoplasty 11/16, no notes of being maintained on prescription diet. Records also show dental (19 extractions) 1/21. Incontinence noted in records 8/23, no notes of treatment/management at that time.

Recent lab-work: ALP 176. Thrombocytosis. T4 normal.

Current Medications: Cytopoint. Please ask o about any medications she may be giving currently.

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**Urinary System**

The urinary bladder wall is normal in thickness. The mucosal surface is smooth. The bladder is moderately 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 2.0 cm, are normal.

The left kidney is normal in size (4.51 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 hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

The right kidney is normal in size (4.70 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 hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

**Adrenal Glands**

The left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.42 cm at cranial pole) (0.52 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) (0.40 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 (1.23 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 curvilinear peripheral contours. The parenchyma is hypoechoic relative to the spleen and slightly mottled in appearance. No distinct focal lesions are observed. Hepatic vasculature and intrahepatic 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 amount of gravity-



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dependent mineralized sand +/- distinct nonobstructive choleliths are 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 intestinal wall is normal in thickness with a normal layering pattern and appropriate mural detail. Discreet masses are not identified. The ileoceocolic junction and colonic wall are 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 diffuse hepatic changes are non-specific and could be consistent with vacuolar hepatopathy, regenerative nodular hyperplasia, and/or age-related remodeling. Inflammatory disease, infiltrative neoplasia and other hepatopathies are considered less likely.
- Gallbladder debris/sand +/- distinct choleliths, non-mucocele
- Minor bilateral age-related renal changes

\*An obvious cause for the patient's urinary incontinence is not identified in this study. Considerations include urethral sphincter mechanism incompetence, occult urinary tract infection, underlying neurologic disease, other.

**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

- A neurologic examination is recommended (if not already performed).
- Also consider a urine culture and sensitivity to assess for occult infection.
- If the above diagnostics are inconclusive, consider empirical treatment for urethral sphincter mechanism incompetence (i.e., estrogen and/or phenylpropanolamine).



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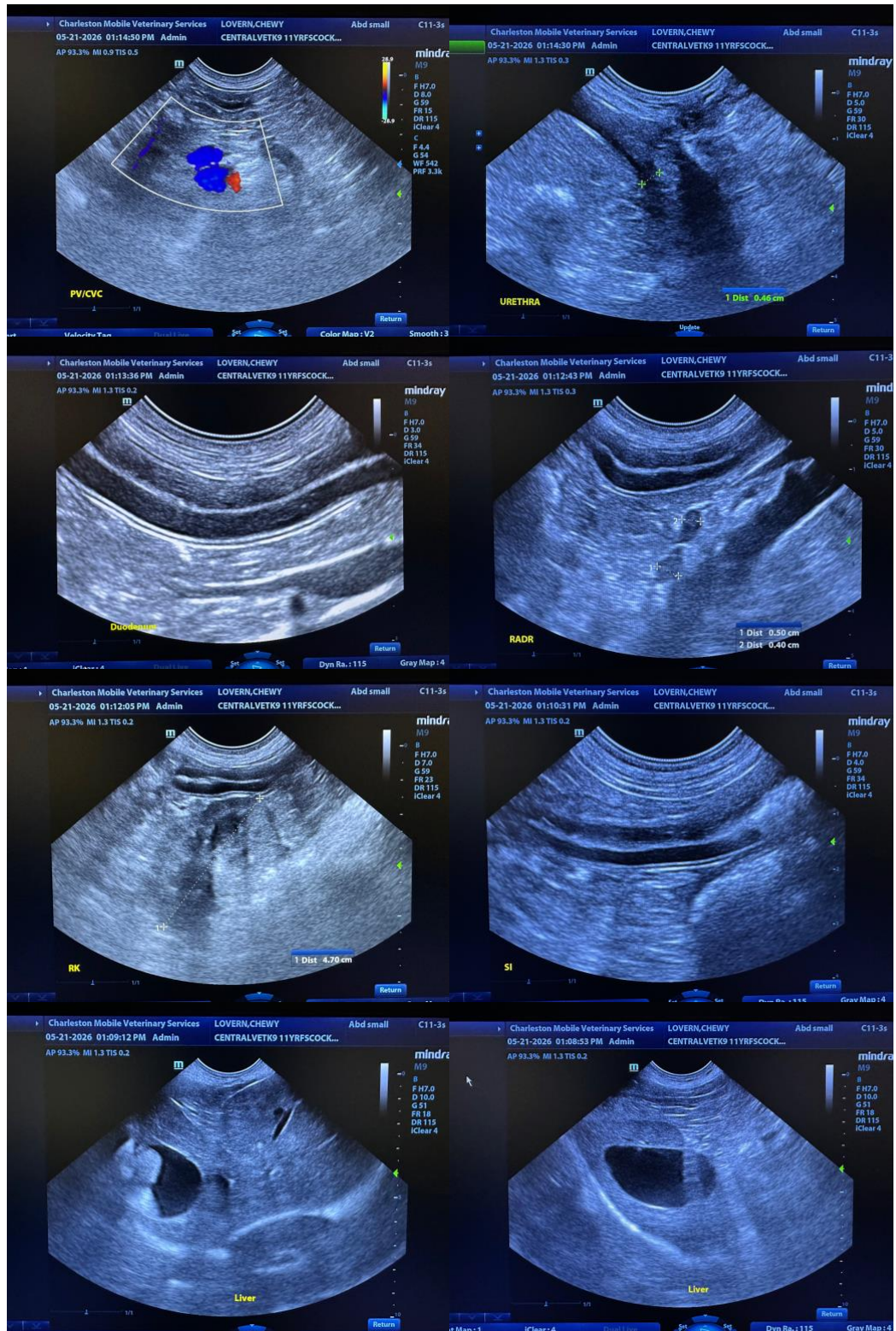
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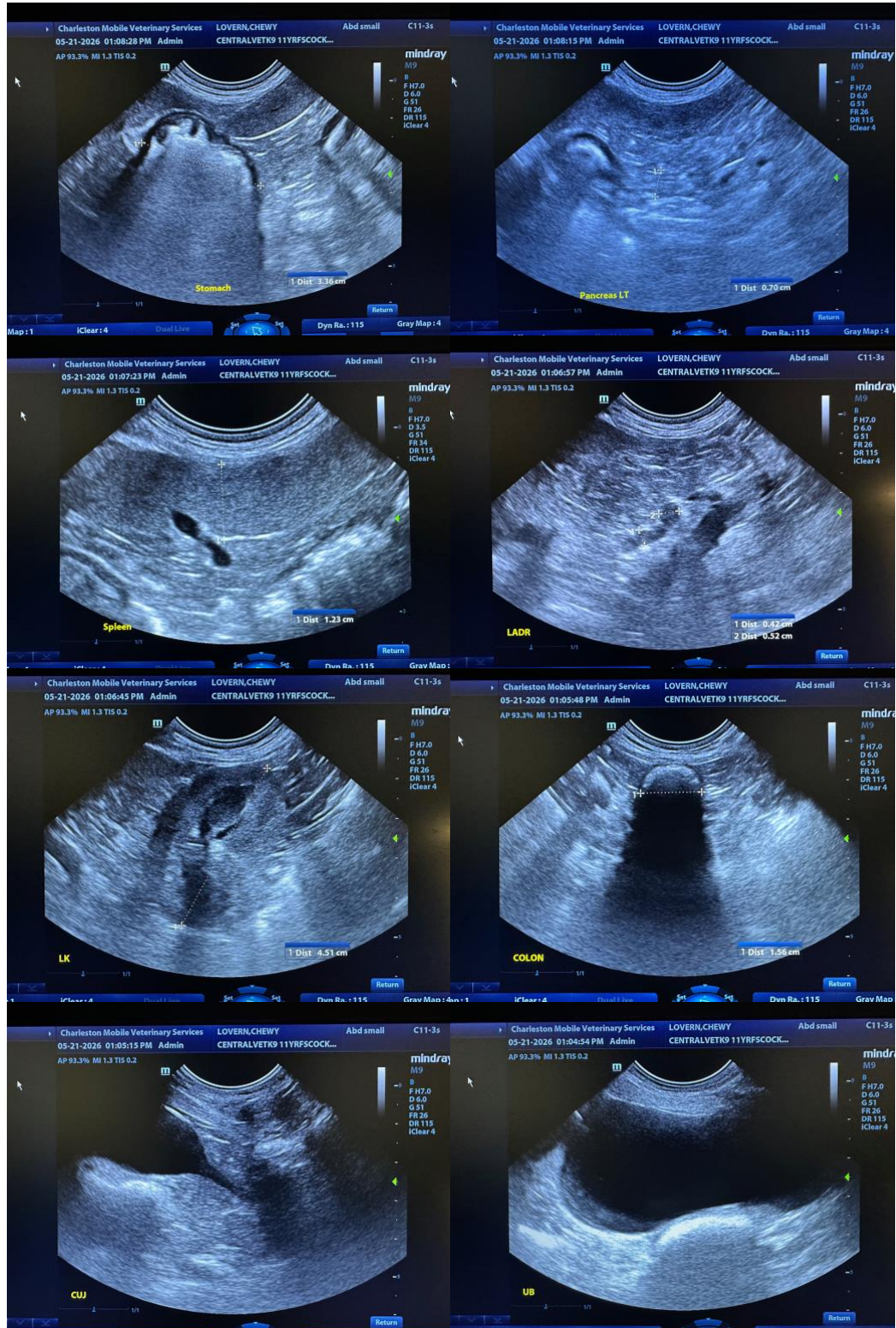
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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