

**DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

5/3/22

Episodes of coughing/gagging/dazed look.

PATIENT

Sockie Hoffman

Current Medications: None.

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.

Sedation: Not required to complete full diagnostic ultrasound.

Stat Report: Not requested.

SPECIES

Canine

Imaging Performed By: Andi Parkinson, RDMS.

BREED**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN****Urinary System**

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.

The left kidney is normal size (4.47 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 hydroureter.

The right kidney is normal size (3.93 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 hydroureter.

SEX

Female, spayed

AGE

5/29/2020

WEIGHT

14.1 lbs.

Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is normal size (0.42 cm at cranial pole) (0.52 cm at caudal pole) (1.73 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.

The right adrenal gland is normal size (0.44 cm at cranial pole) (0.42 cm at caudal pole) (1.82 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.

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HOSPITAL NAME

Festival VC

Spleen

The spleen is normal in size (1.18 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. Ullman

Liver

The liver is subjectively small in size with normal curvilinear peripheral contours. The parenchyma is hypoechoic relative to the spleen with subtle changes consistent with hepatic remodeling. There is a slight increase in portal markings. Intrahepatic biliary ducts are normal. There is a questionable "double aorta" which could suggest a congenital azygous shunt. Alternatively, this may represent mirror image artifact. The gall bladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall is thin and smooth. A small to moderate amount of aggregated echogenic gravity-dependent debris/sludge is observed within the lumen. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not seen.

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Gastrointestinal

The esophageal inlet appears normal. The stomach and intestine are free of stasis and exhibit normal peristaltic activity. 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 thickness is normal with a normal layering pattern and appropriate mural detail. Discreet masses are not identified. The colonic wall is normal. No obstructive disease is noted.

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

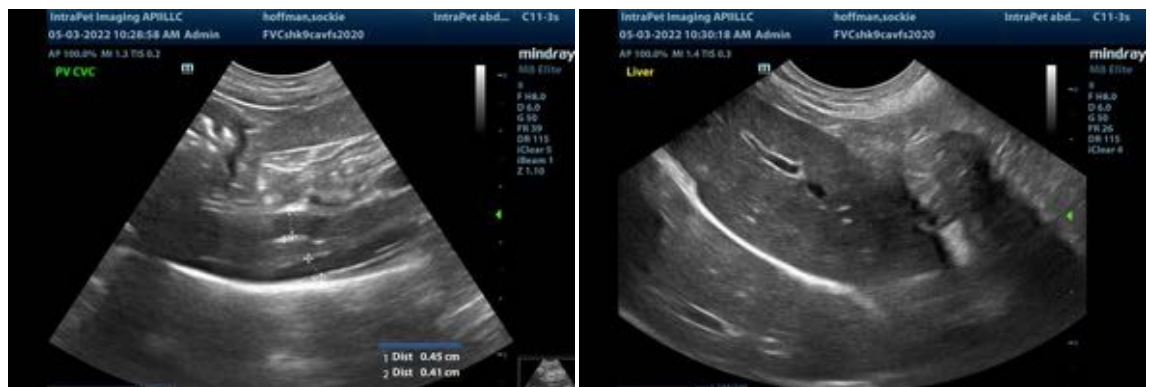
The peritoneal cavity is normal. There is no evidence of inflammation or effusion. The abdominal lymph nodes are normal/not visible.

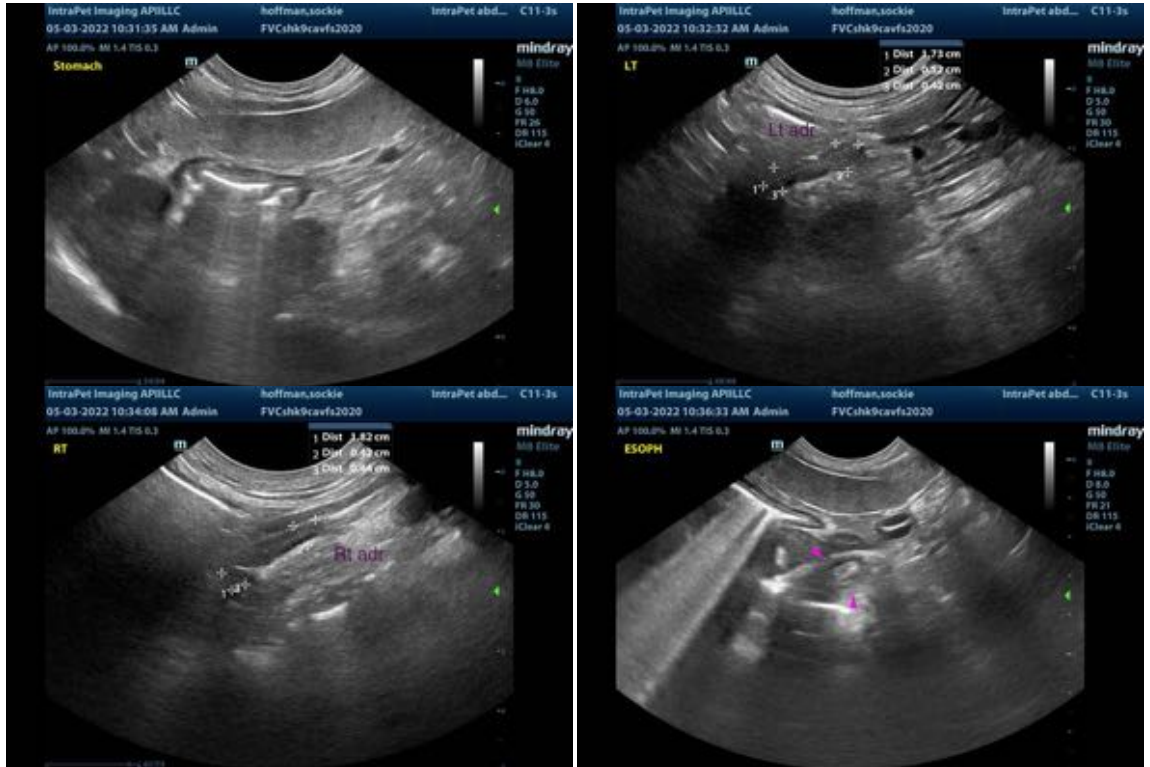
ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Microhepatica with parenchymal remodeling and an increase in portal markings. Considerations include portal hypoplasia vs congenital azygous shunt vs other.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Pre and post prandial serum bile acids are recommended as well as a blood ammonia level to further evaluate hepatic function and to assess for hepatic encephalopathy. If values are elevated, particularly if serum bile acids are >70, a contrast CT scan should be considered to further assess for a congenital portosystemic shunt. Regardless of the findings, a liver biopsy should be considered to assess for a microscopic hepatopathy.
- Given the history of the cough, thoracic radiographs (three-view) should be considered.





The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. 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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