



**PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

**T Bone Bruders** History: Seen by a colleague for PU/ PD. Exam unremarkable

**SPECIES** Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: had low USG ~1.020 in January 2023 and has been progressively PU/PD since then. USG was confirmed at the time with 3 USG samples, all first-am. Now USG is 1.011, did not confirm 1st am. CBC/chem27/lytes and thyroid all wnl.

Canine

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**BREED** *Urinary System*

Corgi The urinary bladder wall is normal in thickness and the mucosal surface is smooth. The bladder is moderately distended. Luminal contents are anechoic. No cystic calculi are observed. The region of the trigone and the proximal urethra, visible to a depth of 2 cm, are normal.

**SEX**

The region of the prostate is not visualized due to its pelvic location.

Neutered Male

**AGE**

The left kidney is normal in size (5.98 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 hydroureter.

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The right kidney is normal in size (5.93 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. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter.

**WEIGHT**

41.5 lbs

*Adrenal Glands*

The left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.46 cm at cranial pole) (0.55 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 region of the right adrenal gland is evaluated. The gland is not definitively visualized. However, no obvious abnormalities are observed in this region.

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*Spleen*

The spleen is normal in size (1.00 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 appears 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. No pathological hepatic lymphadenopathy observed.

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The gall bladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall is thin and smooth. A small to moderate amount of mostly gravity-dependent echogenic debris is observed within the lumen. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not seen.

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*Gastrointestinal*

The 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 thickness is normal 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.

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### **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.

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### **Free Abdomen**

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

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## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

### **Primary Findings**

- Minor, bilateral, chronic renal changes

## SEX

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\*An obvious cause for the patient's PU/PD is not definitively identified in this study.

Considerations include early renal disease, occult urinary tract infection, Leptospirosis, occult hepatic disease, Cushing's disease (less likely), diabetes insipidus (central or nephrogenic), psychogenic polydipsia, other.

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## INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- A urine culture and sensitivity is recommended to assess for occult infection.
- Also consider Leptospirosis testing (i.e., blood and urine PCR, serology).
- Consider pre-and postprandial serum bile acids to evaluate hepatic function.
- Cushing's testing (i.e., low-dose dexamethasone suppression test, ACTH stimulation test) can also be considered. However, Cushing's disease is considered rare in patients with a normal ALP.
- Depending on the results of the above diagnostics, a more comprehensive work-up may be warranted., a DDAVP trial +/- modified water deprivation test may be warranted.

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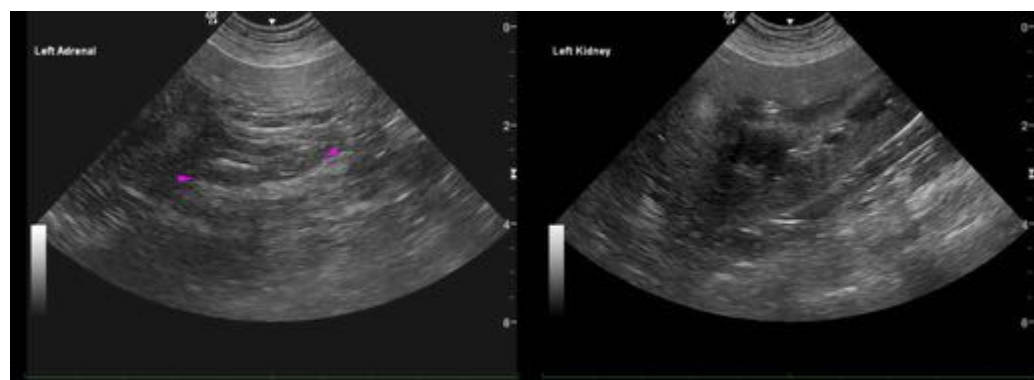
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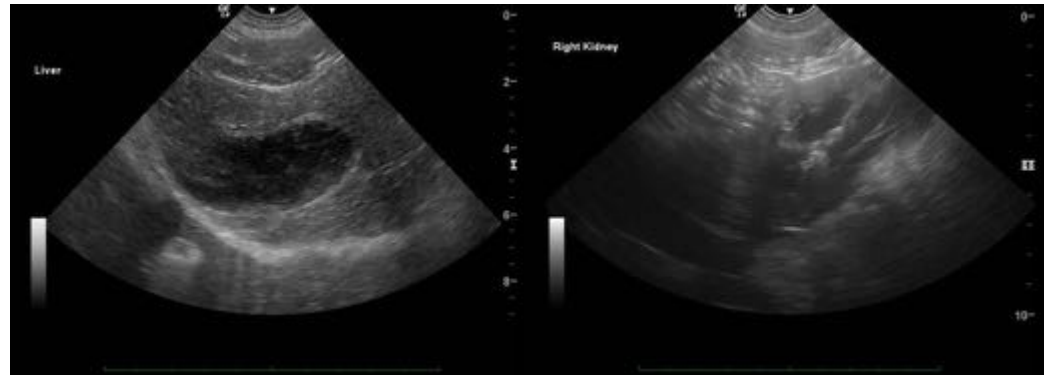
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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