



## PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

**Maggie Boyer** History: Presents for lethargy, vomited (2 times) and decreased appetite for 3 days after going on a boat trip. Restless, shaking and painful. No known ingestion of fatty foods.

**SPECIES** Oral Cavity: underbite present; ptyalism

Abdomen: Tense and painful on cranial palpation

**Canine** Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: EPOC: Lact 4.59 H, BUN 6 L, iCa 1.10 L, pCo2 27.5 L CBC: Hct 50.9 N, WBC 28.51 H, Neu 26.32 H, Plt 291 Chem15: BUN 5 L, Alb 4.0 H qPL: >2,000 L Rads abd + Vets Choice Radiology: prelim heterogenous ingesta with some radiopaque pinpoint material

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Jack Russell Terrier

## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

### Urinary System

**SEX** The urinary bladder wall is normal in thickness. 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 visible portion of the proximal urethra are normal.

Female Spayed

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The left kidney is normal in size (4.37 cm in length) with a normal shape, architecture and smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with mild- to moderate loss of corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

### WEIGHT

8.5 kg

The right kidney is normal in size (4.59 cm in length) with a normal shape, architecture and smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with mild- to moderate loss of corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

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### Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is mildly enlarged (0.63 cm at cranial pole) (0.66 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 right adrenal gland is mildly enlarged (0.55 cm at cranial pole) (0.59 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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### Spleen

The spleen is normal in size (1.47 cm in width at the level of the hilus) with a normal capsular contour. The parenchyma is subtly mottled in appearance. At least three, small, ill-defined hyperechoic nodules are observed within the parenchyma. Splenic vasculature is normal.

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### Liver

The liver is subjectively prominent in size with swollen curvilinear peripheral contours. The parenchyma is isoechoic relative to the spleen and exhibits mild heterogeneity. No distinct focal lesions are observed. Hepatic vasculature and biliary tracts are of normal volume with no evidence of congestion.

The gallbladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall is thin and smooth. A moderate amount of aggregated, echogenic, suspended sludge in a partially stellate pattern is observed within the lumen. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not seen.



**PATIENT** *Gastrointestinal*

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The gastric 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 is normal in thickness 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.

**SPECIES**

Canine

*Pancreas*

The left limb and base are enlarged, with minimal deviation from the normal peripheral contours. The parenchyma is hypoechoic- to heterogenous in appearance. A small amount of subcapsular fluid is present. The mesentery effacing the serosal surface is hyperechoic. The right limb is hyperechoic relative to surrounding omental fat and subtly mottled in appearance.

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*Lymph Nodes*

A 1.35 x 0.42 cm medial iliac lymph node is visualized.

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*Free Abdomen*

The mesentery in the cranial- to mid-abdomen is hyperechoic. A small amount of free fluid is observed.

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**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

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**Primary Findings**

- The pancreatic changes in the left limb and base are most consistent with moderate pancreatitis with adjacent to peritonitis.
- The gallbladder changes are consistent with a developing mucocele.

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**Secondary 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. However, correlation with the patient's liver values is recommended.
- Mild bilateral adrenomegaly
- Bilateral nonspecific age-related renal changes
- The splenic parenchymal changes are most consistent with a benign process such as lymphoid hyperplasia, extramedullary hematopoiesis, splenitis or antigenic stimulation with a lower possibility of infiltrative neoplasia (i.e., lymphoma, mast cell neoplasia). The diffuse splenic parenchymal changes are most consistent with a benign process such as lymphoid hyperplasia, extramedullary hematopoiesis, splenitis or antigenic stimulation with a lower possibility of infiltrative neoplasia (i.e., lymphoma, mast cell neoplasia).

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- The prominent medial iliac lymph node is likely reactive, with a low possibility of emerging neoplasia.

**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Supportive care for pancreatitis is recommended including IV fluid therapy, gastric protectants, antiemetics, pain medication as needed, +/- fresh frozen plasma. +/- fuzapladib.



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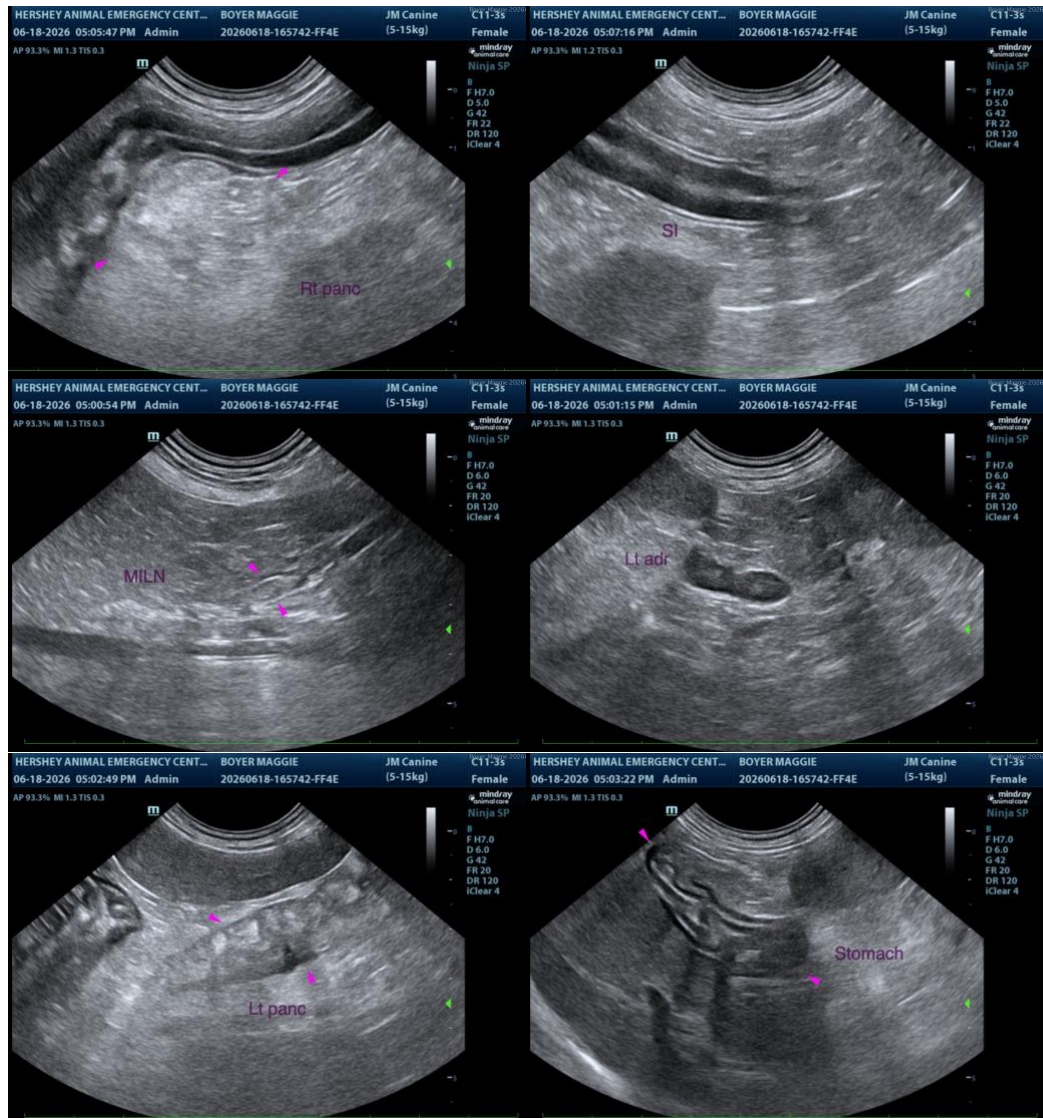
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- Serial sonographic monitoring of the pancreas is recommended to assess progression of the pancreatitis.
- Three-view thoracic radiographs are also recommended to assess cardiopulmonary status.
- Given the gall bladder changes, Ursodeoxycholic acid (Ursodiol) is recommended. Serial sonographic monitoring (e.g., every 4-6 weeks) of the gall bladder is recommended to assess for progression to a fully formed mucocele. If progression occurs, a cholecystectomy may be warranted.
- Consider testing for hyperadrenocorticism with a low-dose dexamethasone suppression test or ACTH stimulation test if clinical signs (i.e., PU/PD) develop in the future.





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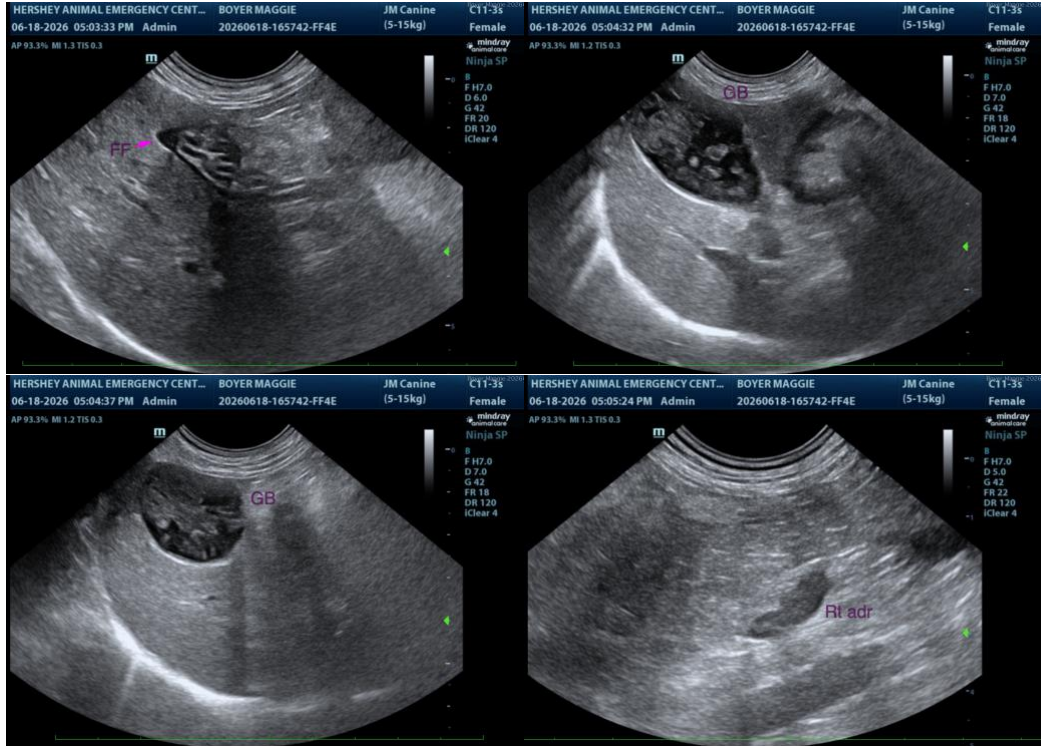
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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