



**PATIENT**

Halle Crossman

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Nova Scotia Duck  
Troller

**SEX**

Spayed Female

**AGE**

10 years, 5 mos

**WEIGHT**

N/A-

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**DATE**

6/20/22

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: Halle has always had "stomach issues." Has a pretty sensitive stomach. History of vomiting bile. Last week was off did not want to go for walks.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: CBC wnl besides mchc 381 (320-379) CHEM wnl besides mild decrease ALP <10 (23-212) elevated tbili 26 (0-15) SNAP wnl

**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 1-2 cm, are normal.

The left kidney is normal size (5.50 cm in length); normal shape and architecture with smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with minimal loss of corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

The right kidney is normal size (4.68 cm in length); normal shape and architecture with smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with minimal loss of corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

**Adrenal Glands**

The left adrenal gland is normal size (0.37 cm at cranial pole) (0.50 cm at caudal pole) (2.13 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 (0.58 cm at cranial pole) (0.46 cm at caudal pole) (2.08 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.

**Spleen**

The spleen is normal in size (1.42 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 prominent in size with slightly swollen peripheral contours. The parenchyma is isoechoic relative to the spleen. One to two ill-defined hypoechoic nodules, measuring approximately 1.20 cm in diameter are visualized. Hepatic vasculature and intrahepatic biliary tracts are of normal volume with no evidence of congestion.

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 not distended. The gastric wall in the region of the fundus is mildly thickened (up to 0.65 cm) with retention of the 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. 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.

### ***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 wall changes are most consistent with an inflammatory process with a lower possibility of emerging neoplasia.

### **Secondary Findings**

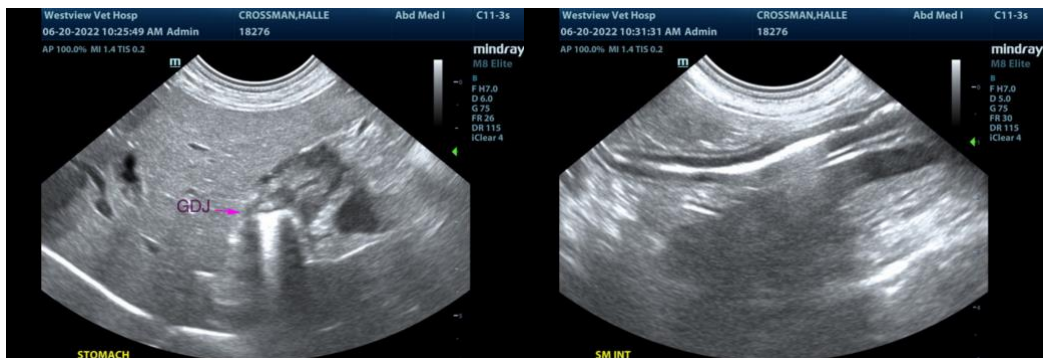
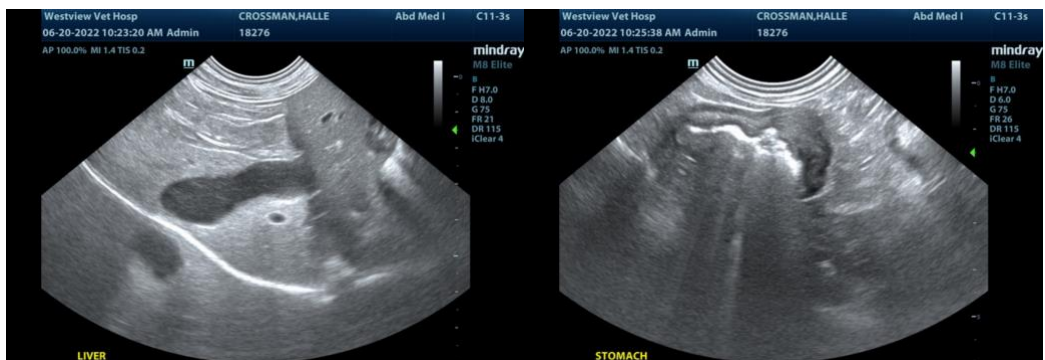
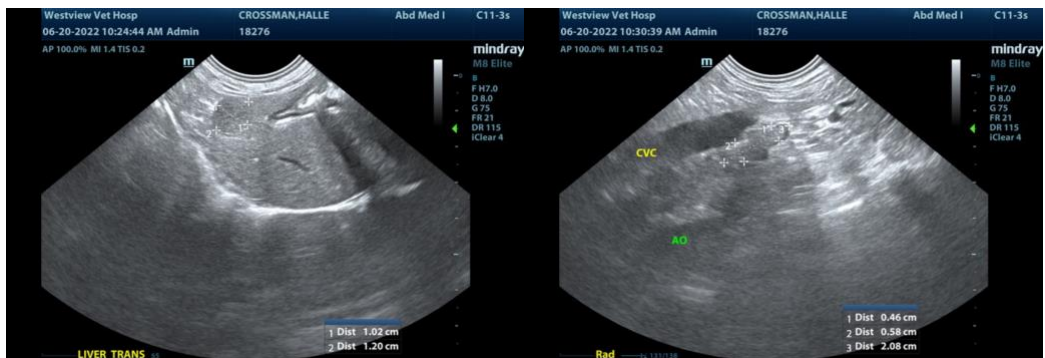
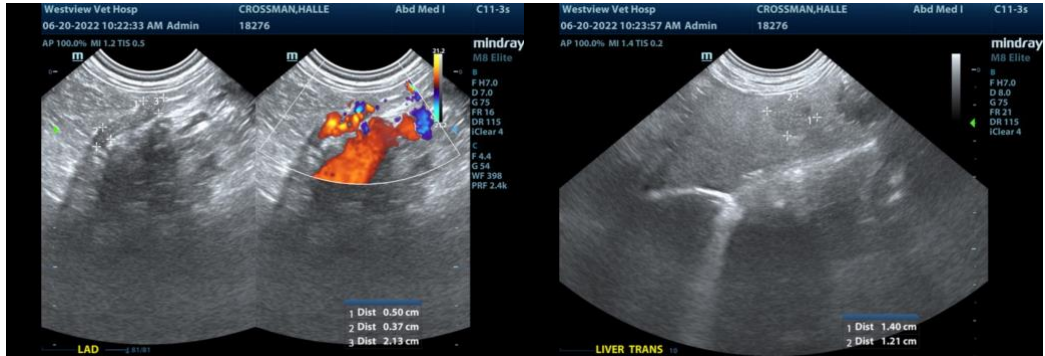
- Suspected, benign diffuse hepatopathy (i.e., vacuolar hepatopathy, regenerative nodular hyperplasia).
- The ill-defined hepatic nodules trend toward the benign with a lower possibility of emerging neoplasia.

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

Further GI workup could include the following:

1. Thoracic radiographs to assess for occult esophageal disease
2. Fecal evaluation for ova and Giardia
3. Six-week hypoallergenic diet trial
4. A resting cortisol level to screen for hypoadrenocorticism. If resting cortisol level is < 2.0 mcg/dl, an ACTH stimulation test is recommended.
5. Malabsorption panel, including serum cobalamin and folate, TLI and PLI, is also recommended

Ultimately, 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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