



PATIENT

Simon Misterka

PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: HGE, lethargic, vomiting
Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: ALP 214 K 2.9 Cl 98

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Canine

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

The urinary bladder wall is normal in thickness and the mucosal surface is smooth. The bladder is distended. A scant amount of echogenic debris is suspended within the lumen. No cystic calculi are observed. The region of the trigone and the visible portion of the proximal urethra are normal.

BREED

Westie

The prostate is normal in size (0.92 cm in width) and shape. Parenchyma is homogenous. The prostatic urethra appears normal without evidence of dilation or obstruction.

SEX

Male, neutered

The left kidney is normal size (4.72 cm in length); normal shape and architecture with smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with mild loss of corticomedullary distinction. Several small non-obstructive nephroliths are visualized. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, infarcts or hydronephrosis.

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9 Yrs.

The right kidney is normal size (5.02 cm in length); normal shape and architecture with 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 hydronephrosis.

WEIGHT

5.1 kg.

Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is mildly enlarged (0.48 cm at cranial pole) (0.66 cm at caudal pole) with a slightly prominent caudal pole. 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 (0.73 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.

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Liver

The liver is subjectively enlarged with swollen peripheral contours. The parenchyma is hyperechoic relative to the spleen and diffusely mottled in appearance with numerous small ill-defined hypoechoic nodules throughout the organ. Vascular and biliary tracts are of normal volume with no evidence of congestion. The gall bladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall is thin and smooth. A small amount of hyperechoic debris is noted within the lumen, most of which is gravity-dependent and some of which is suspended. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not seen.

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Gastrointestinal

The gastric lumen is mildly distended with ingesta. 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

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segmentally dilated with chyme. 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. The lumen of the descending colon contains liquid appearing fecal material. No obstructive disease is noted.

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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. A few prominent mesenteric lymph nodes are visualized, the largest measuring 1.76 cm in length.

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Other

A brief visualization of the heart reveals no obvious evidence of pericardial effusion.

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

Primary Findings:

- The hepatic parenchymal changes could be consistent with vacuolar hepatopathy, regenerative nodular hyperplasia, age-related remodeling, infiltrative neoplasia or less likely, inflammatory disease, hepatotoxicosis or other hepatopathies.

Secondary Findings:

- Bilateral chronic renal changes with left non-obstructive nephrolithiasis.
- Mild bilateral adrenomegaly
- The prominent abdominal lymph nodes are most consistent with reactive lymphadenitis or lymphoid hyperplasia. Neoplastic infiltration is considered less likely.

*An obvious cause for the patient's clinical signs is not definitively identified in this study. Considerations include dietary indiscretion, infectious/parasitic disease, acute hemorrhagic gastroenteritis, food allergy/intolerance, underlying metabolic issue, other.

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- A fecal evaluation for internal parasites is recommended along with prophylactic deworming with Fenbendazole.
- A resting cortisol level to screen for hypoadrenocorticism. If resting cortisol level is < 2.0 mcg/dL, an ACTH stimulation test is recommended
- Symptomatic care for acute hemorrhagic gastroenteritis is recommended along with potassium supplementation. If the patient's clinical signs do not improve with medical management, a more comprehensive GI workup may be warranted.



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- Given the hepatic changes, consider a fine needle aspirate, if clotting status is appropriate. A 25 gauge needle should be used.

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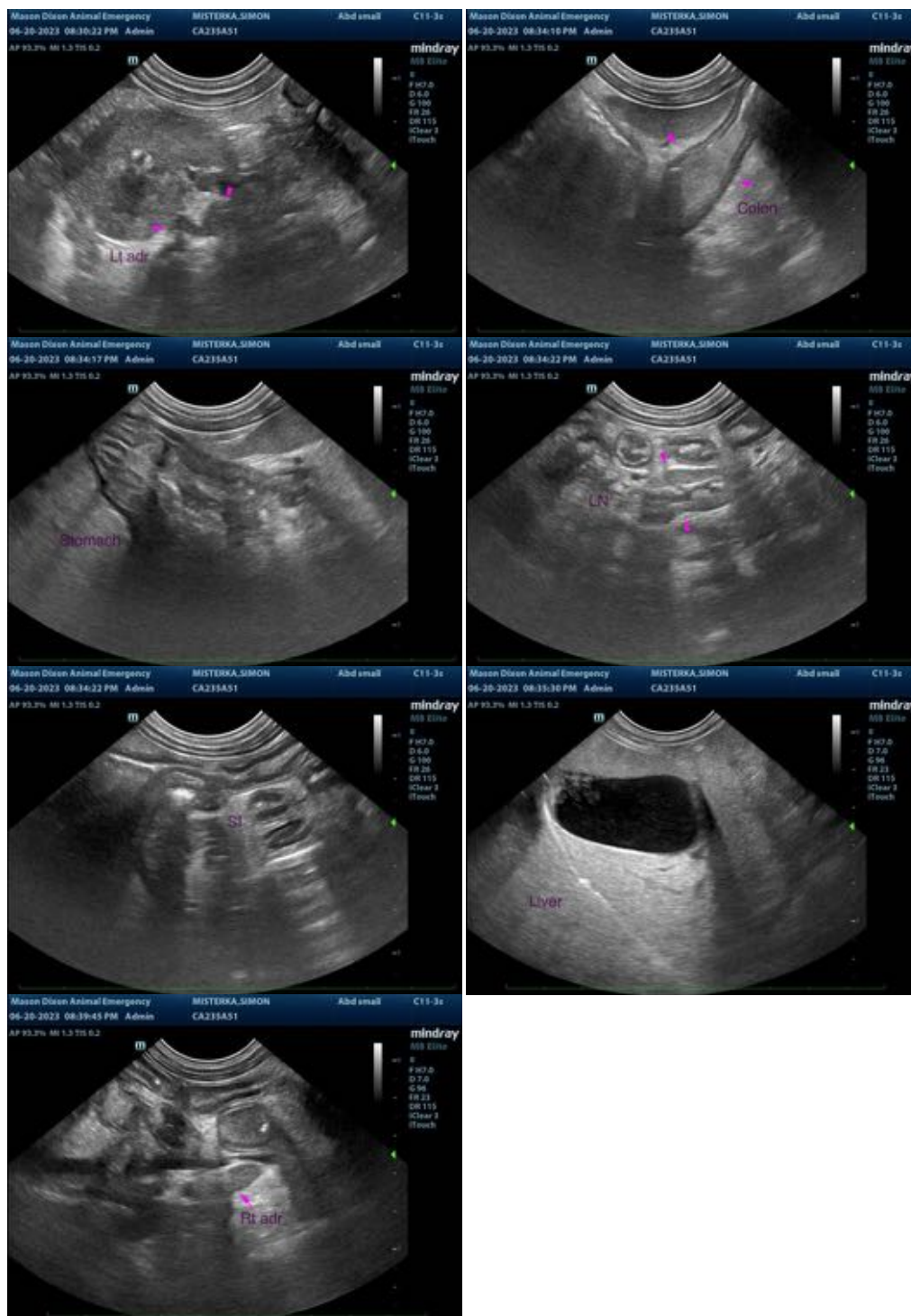
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible



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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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