
PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

June Fetik History: P presented for intermittent chronic diarrhea and one time vomiting a few days ago, P may be slightly lethargic (O not entirely sure), O is very concerned for GI FB, Hx pancreatitis (dx 2019)

SPECIES Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: normal PE, O elected for AUS first

Canine

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN
BREED *Urinary System*

Havanese The urinary bladder, trigone, and pelvic urethra are normal in thickness and the mucosal surface is smooth. The bladder lumen is mildly distended. A scant amount of suspended, echogenic debris is observed within the lumen. 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.

SEX

Spayed Female The left kidney is normal size (3.72 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.

AGE

5 years The right kidney is normal size (3.75 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.

WEIGHT

11.7 lbs

Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is normal size (0.35 cm at cranial pole) (0.39 cm at caudal pole) (1.13 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.

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The right adrenal gland is normal size (0.66 cm at cranial pole) (0.35 cm at caudal pole) (1.08 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.

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Spleen
HOSPITAL NAME

Pet Medic Urgent Care VC

The spleen is normal in size (0.78 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
REFERRING VET

Dr. Armstrong

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. The portal vein to caudal vena cava ratio is approximately 1: 1.

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

DATE

6/9/22

Gastrointestinal

The gastric lumen is distended with ingesta. The gastric wall is normal in thickness with a normal layering pattern. The small intestinal lumen is segmentally dilated with chyme (mild). 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 obvious evidence of an obstructive pattern.

Pancreas

A portion of the pancreas is obscured by the gastric distention. In the visualized portions, no obvious abnormalities are seen.

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

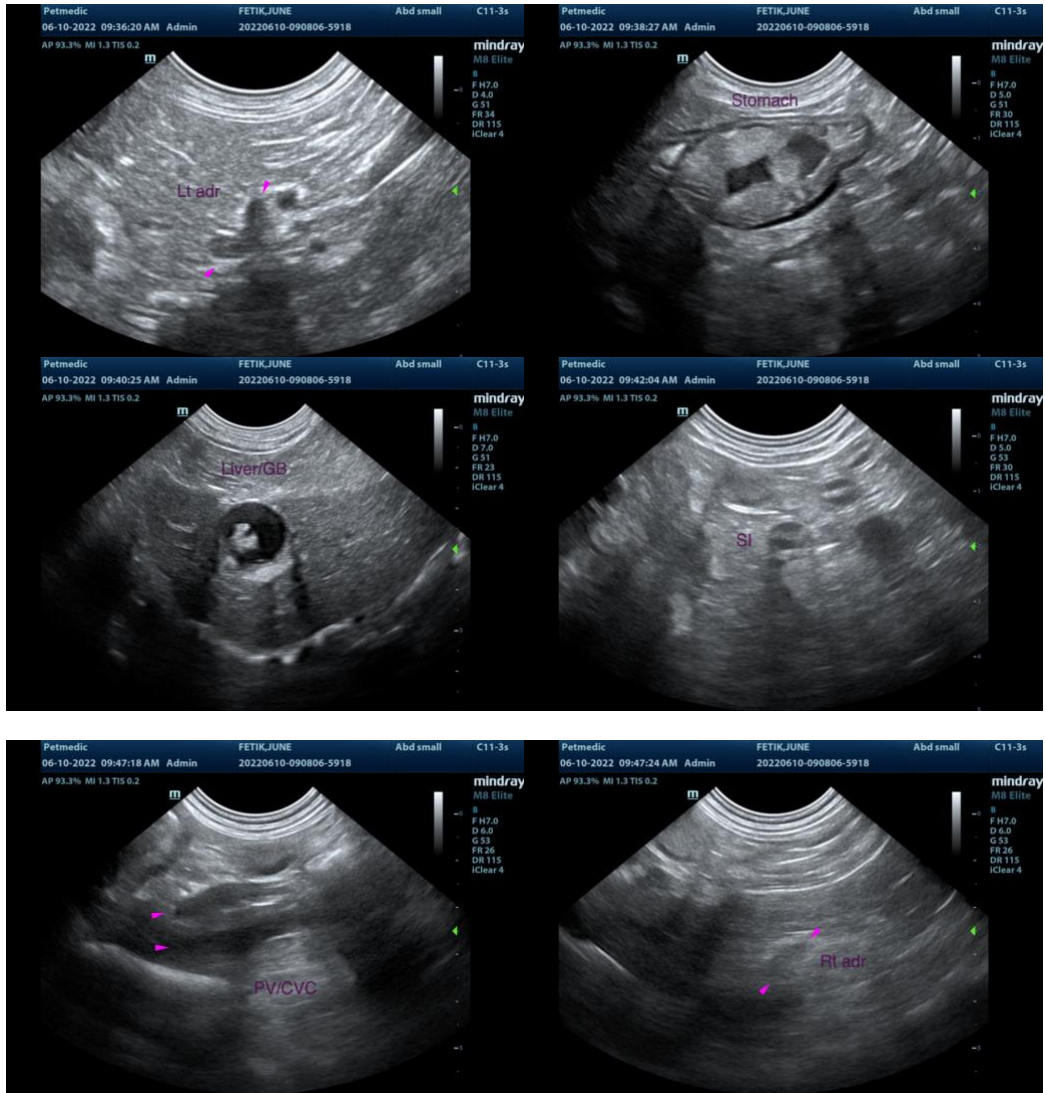
Primary Findings

- If the patient was fasted for this study, the presence of ingesta within the gastric lumen would suggest delayed gastric emptying.
- *An obvious cause for the patient's clinical signs is not identified in this study. Considerations include microscopic gastrointestinal disease (i.e., food allergy/intolerance, infectious/parasitic disease, inflammatory bowel disease), underlying metabolic issue, low-grade pancreatitis, other.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

The following diagnostics/treatment recommendations can be considered:

1. Serum cobalamin, folate, PLI and TLI
2. A fecal evaluation for ova/Giardia
3. Prophylactic deworming with Fenbendazole at 50 mg/kg once a day for 5 days is recommended. Repeat above protocol in 3 weeks.
4. A 6-week limited antigen diet trial to assess for food allergies.
5. Consider a 4-week course of Tylosin at 15-20 mg/kg by mouth every 12 hours as empirical treatment for small intestinal bacterial overgrowth.
6. A resting cortisol level to screen for hypoadrenocorticism. If resting cortisol level is < 2.0 mcg/dL, an ACTH stimulation test is recommended.
7. Depending on the results of the above diagnostics/therapeutics, endoscopic or surgical gastrointestinal biopsies may be warranted.
8. Three-view thoracic radiographs should be performed prior to any anesthetic event.



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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