



PATIENT

Lina Shaw

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Cavapoo

SEX

Female intact

AGE

10 months

WEIGHT

15.5 lbs.

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: Presented for more recent exacerbation of chronic GI upset. Hx of poor appetite and bouts of V/D. Also, chronic AM bilious vomiting. Dietary change last week 8/12 when family away., V+ undigested second time. O could hear stomach gurgling the rest of the pm. Vomited undigested food 8/17. Mild weight loss. R/O Food allergy vs IBD vs Addison's vs chronic FB vs open.

Current meds: Claritin.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Lymphs 5.52k

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 2 cm, are normal.

The left kidney is normal size (3.28 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 hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

The right kidney is normal size (3.88 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 hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is normal size (0.33 cm at cranial pole) (0.31 cm at caudal pole) (1.67 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.

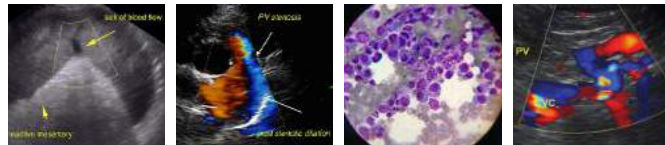
The right adrenal gland is normal size (0.34 cm at cranial pole) (0.38 cm at caudal pole) (1.59 cm in length); normal shape; homogenous parenchyma. The glandular echogenicity and detail are unremarkable. Capsule, cortex, and medullary definition are normal. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

Spleen

The spleen is normal in size (1.51 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 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 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.



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Gastrointestinal

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The stomach and intestine are free of stasis and exhibit normal peristaltic activity. The gastric lumen is not distended. 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 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. No obstructive disease is noted.

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Pancreas

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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

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The peritoneal cavity is normal. There is no evidence of inflammation or effusion. A few prominent mesenteric lymph nodes are visualized. The largest measuring 1.62 cm in length. In addition, a prominent sublumbar lymph node is seen.

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Other

The left ovary measures 0.76 x 0.57 cm. The left ovary is subjectively normal in size with a normal shape and smooth peripheral contours. The parenchyma is homogeneous in appearance. No focal lesions are observed.

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The uterine body is visible (1.28 cm in width).

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

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- The prominent abdominal lymph nodes may be secondary to immunologic immaturity and/or reactive change.

**An obvious cause for the patient's clinical signs is not identified in this study. Considerations include primary gastrointestinal disease (i.e., food intolerance/allergy, gastrointestinal motility disorder, inflammatory bowel disease), underlying pancreatic disease, metabolic issue, and other.

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

The following diagnostics/treatment recommendations can be considered:

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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. A resting cortisol level to screen for hypoadrenocorticism. If resting cortisol level is < 2.0 mcg/dL, an ACTH stimulation test is recommended.
6. Three-view thoracic radiographs are recommended to assess for occult esophageal disease.
7. Depending on the results of the above diagnostics/therapeutics, endoscopic or surgical gastrointestinal biopsies may be warranted. If surgical biopsies are pursued, an ovariohysterectomy can be performed concurrently.

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8. Consider feeding a small, late evening meal as empirical treatment for bilious vomiting syndrome.

9. A metoclopramide trial can also be considered as empirical treatment for a gastrointestinal motility disorder.

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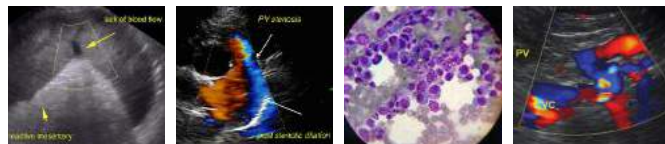
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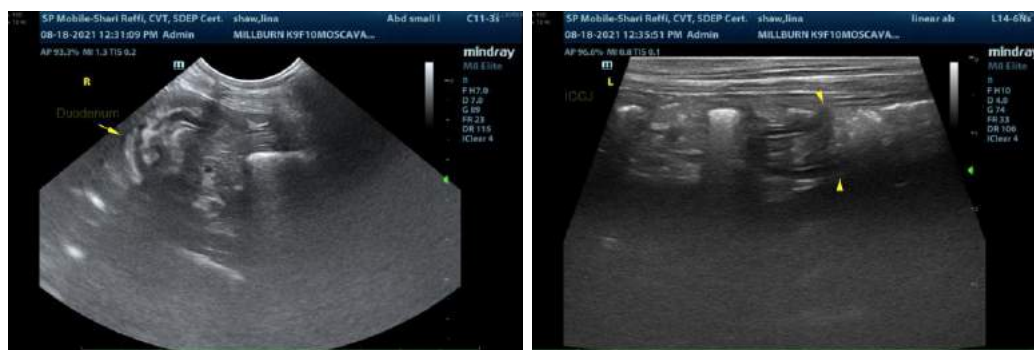
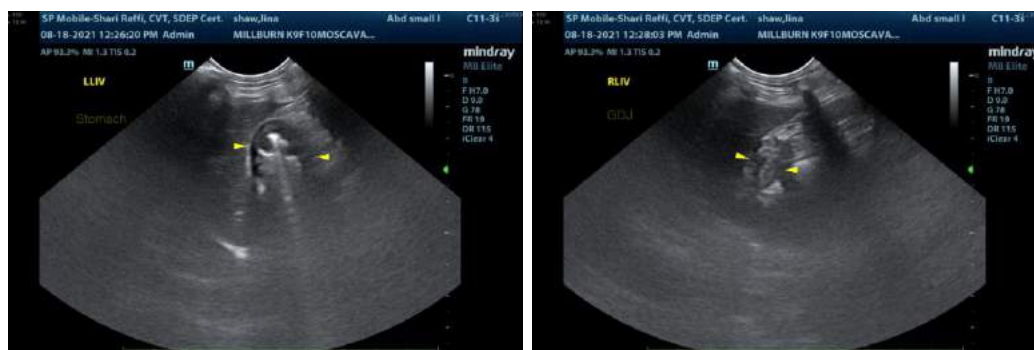
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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