



## PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

**Marla Steel** History: PP as a transfer from the rDVM for diarrhea, lethargy, and a fever. Symptoms started yesterday; no blood noted in diarrhea. P does have a 3yr history of EPI that has been well managed at home. rDVM did radiographs that showed a loss of serosal detail but otherwise was unremarkable.

## SPECIES

Canine

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results:

## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

## BREED

Mix

### Urinary System

The **urinary bladder** wall is normal in thickness and the mucosal surface is smooth. The bladder lumen is mildly 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.

## SEX

Spayed Female

The **left kidney** is normal size (6.38 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 (6.73 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.

### Adrenal Glands

The region of the **adrenal glands** is evaluated. No obvious pathology is observed.

## WEIGHT

22.6 kg

### Spleen

The **spleen** is normal in size (1.93 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 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.

## IMAGING PERFORMED BY

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The **gall bladder** lumen is moderately distended. The wall is thin and smooth.

A small amount of partially dependent, echogenic debris is observed within the lumen. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not seen.

## HOSPITAL NAME

Animal EH Volusia

### Gastrointestinal

The **gastric lumen** is mildly fluid distended and appears hypomotile. 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.

## REFERRING VET

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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.

## INVOICE

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### Free Abdomen

## DATE

8.5.22

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

- Unremarkable abdomen. An obvious cause for the patient's clinical signs is not identified in this study. Differentials include infectious/parasitic disease, food allergy/intolerance, dietary indiscretion, underlying metabolic issue, other.

## INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

A fecal evaluation for ova and Giardia is recommended.

Prophylactic deworming with Fenbendazole at 50 mg/kg once a day for 5 days is recommended. Repeat above protocol in 3 weeks.

Consider a fecal PCR GI panel for infectious diseases.

Consider initiation of a probiotic with a high colony count (i.e., Provable Forte or Visbiome) along with other symptomatic care.

If the fever persists, further diagnostics for a fever of unknown origin may be warranted and could include the following:

1. Urine culture and sensitivity
2. cPLI to assess for low-grade pancreatitis
3. Three-view thoracic radiographs are recommended
4. Echocardiogram to assess for endocarditis
5. Orthopedic and neurologic evaluation to assess for nonmetabolic causes of fever (i.e., immune-mediated polyarthritis, meningitis)
6. +/- more invasive testing (i.e., arthrocentesis, CSF tap)





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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