

## PATIENT

Fiona Sevening

## SPECIES

Canine

## BREED

Chihuahua

## SEX

Spayed Female

## AGE

5 years

## WEIGHT

8.7 lbs

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## REFERRING VET

Scout Josey

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## DATE

9.15.22

## PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: Episodes of panting heavily, excessively drooling, shaking, inappetence. Also, acute vomiting and soft stool-one episode of yellow diarrhea. Has not eaten anything for at least 24 hours.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Elevated GGT (20) and ALT (227), mild hyperglycemia (171). All other values on CBC and chemistry WNL. SNAP cPLI normal.

## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

### Urinary System

The **urinary bladder** 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. The region of the trigone and the visible portion of the proximal urethra are normal.

The **left kidney** is normal size (3.00 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.

The **right kidney** is normal size (3.36 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 (0.30 cm at cranial pole) (1.52 cm at caudal pole) (1.27 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 (0.92 cm at cranial pole) (0.33 cm at caudal pole) (1.37 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 (0.98 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.

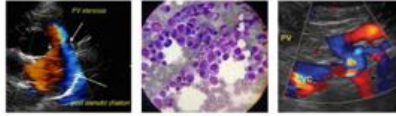
### Liver

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

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 mildly fluid-distended. Within the fluid, there is a 1.00 cm hyperechoic shadowing structure. The gastric wall is normal in thickness with a normal layering pattern. The small intestinal lumen is not dilated. The small intestinal wall thickness is normal with a normal layering pattern and appropriate mural detail. Discrete masses are not identified. The colonic wall is normal.



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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. The abdominal **lymph nodes** are normal/not visible.

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**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

**Primary Findings**

- The shadowing within the gastric lumen may represent a fluid-gas interface, or, less likely, small, foreign material. The remainder of the abdomen is unremarkable.

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Three-view thoracic radiographs are recommended to assess for possible an esophageal foreign body. Abdominal radiographs may also be useful in determining if there is foreign material in the stomach. Consider the initiation of barium to further evaluate for a gastric foreign body. If results are inconclusive, an upper GI endoscopy can be considered. Alternatively, medical management can be initiated with a repeat ultrasound in 12-24 hours to reassess the stomach.

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Other diagnostic considerations include the following:

1. A fecal evaluation for ova and Giardia is recommended
2. Pre-and postprandial serum bile acids to assess for hepatic dysfunction.

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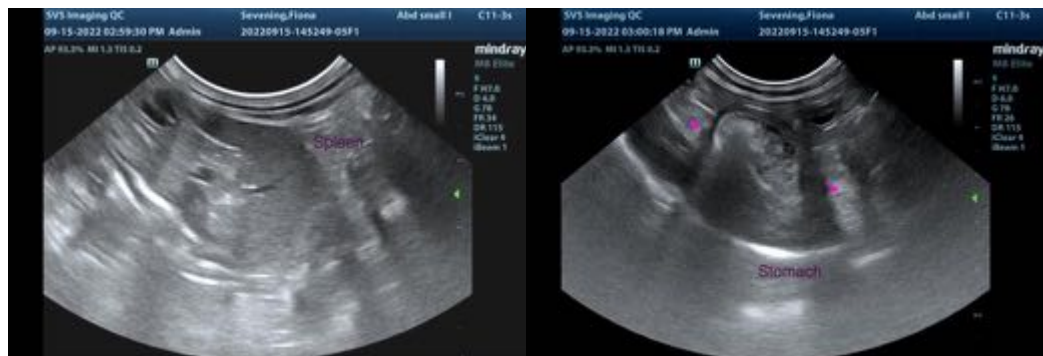
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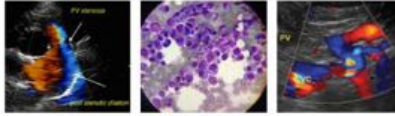
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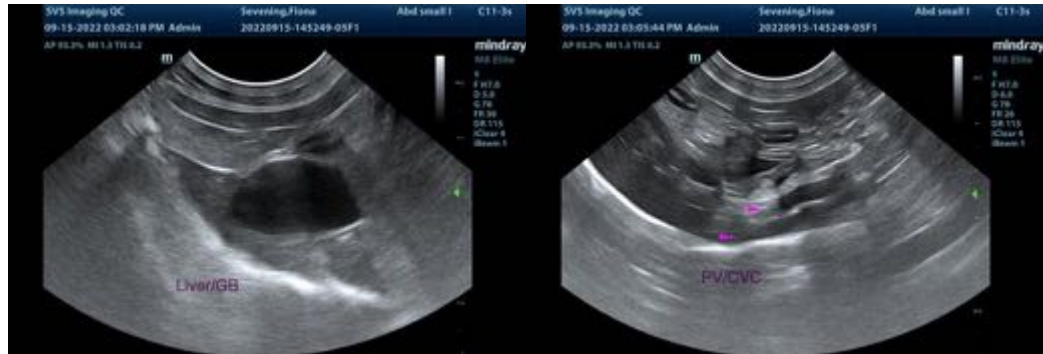
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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