

PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Barley Mixson Owner notes dribbling urine at home.

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Lab mix

SEX

Male, neutered

AGE

4/16/2010

WEIGHT

72 lbs.

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

The urinary bladder wall is 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 prostate is normal in size (1.09 cm in width) and shape. Parenchyma is homogenous. The prostatic urethra appears normal without evidence of dilation or obstruction.

The left kidney is normal size (6.91 cm in length); normal shape and architecture with smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with minimal loss of corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

The right kidney is normal size (6.88 cm in length); normal shape and architecture with smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with minimal loss of corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is mildly enlarged (0.84 cm at cranial pole) (0.94 cm at caudal pole); 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 (0.99 cm at cranial pole) (0.78 cm at caudal pole) (2.67 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.

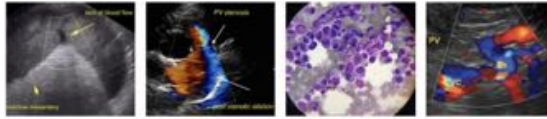
Spleen

The spleen is normal in size (1.25 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.

Gastrointestinal



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The gastric lumen is moderately distended with ingesta, consistent with a post prandial presentation. The gastric wall is normal in thickness with a normal layering pattern. The small intestinal lumen is 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 shadowing fecal material. No obstructive disease is noted.

Pancreas

A portion of the pancreas is obscured by the gastric distention. In the visualized portions, no obvious pathology is observed.

Free Abdomen

The peritoneal cavity is normal. There is no evidence of inflammation or effusion. The abdominal lymph nodes are normal/not visible.

Other

A brief echocardiogram reveals no evidence of pericardial effusion or obvious right atrial/auricular mass.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Mild left adrenomegaly. This may be a normal variant for this patient or may represent early hyperplastic change.
- The remainder of the abdomen is unremarkable.

*An obvious cause for the patient's clinical signs is not identified in this study. Considerations include urinary tract infection, incontinence, early Cushing's disease, other.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Urine culture and sensitivity. If results are negative, consider empirical treatment for urinary incontinence with Phenylpropanolamine.
- A neurologic examination is recommended to assess for subtle deficits that may be resulting in urinary incontinence.
- Consider testing for hyperadrenocorticism with a low-dose dexamethasone suppression test or ACTH stimulation test if clinical signs (i.e., PU/PD) develop in the future.
- If clinical signs persist despite the above diagnostics/therapeutics, consider a urine BRAF test to assess for emerging lower urinary tract neoplasia. It should be noted that a negative urine BRAF test does not completely rule out the possibility of cancer. Therefore, if the clinical suspicion is high, other diagnostics (i.e., repeat abdominal imaging, prostatic biopsy) may be necessary to get a definitive diagnosis.



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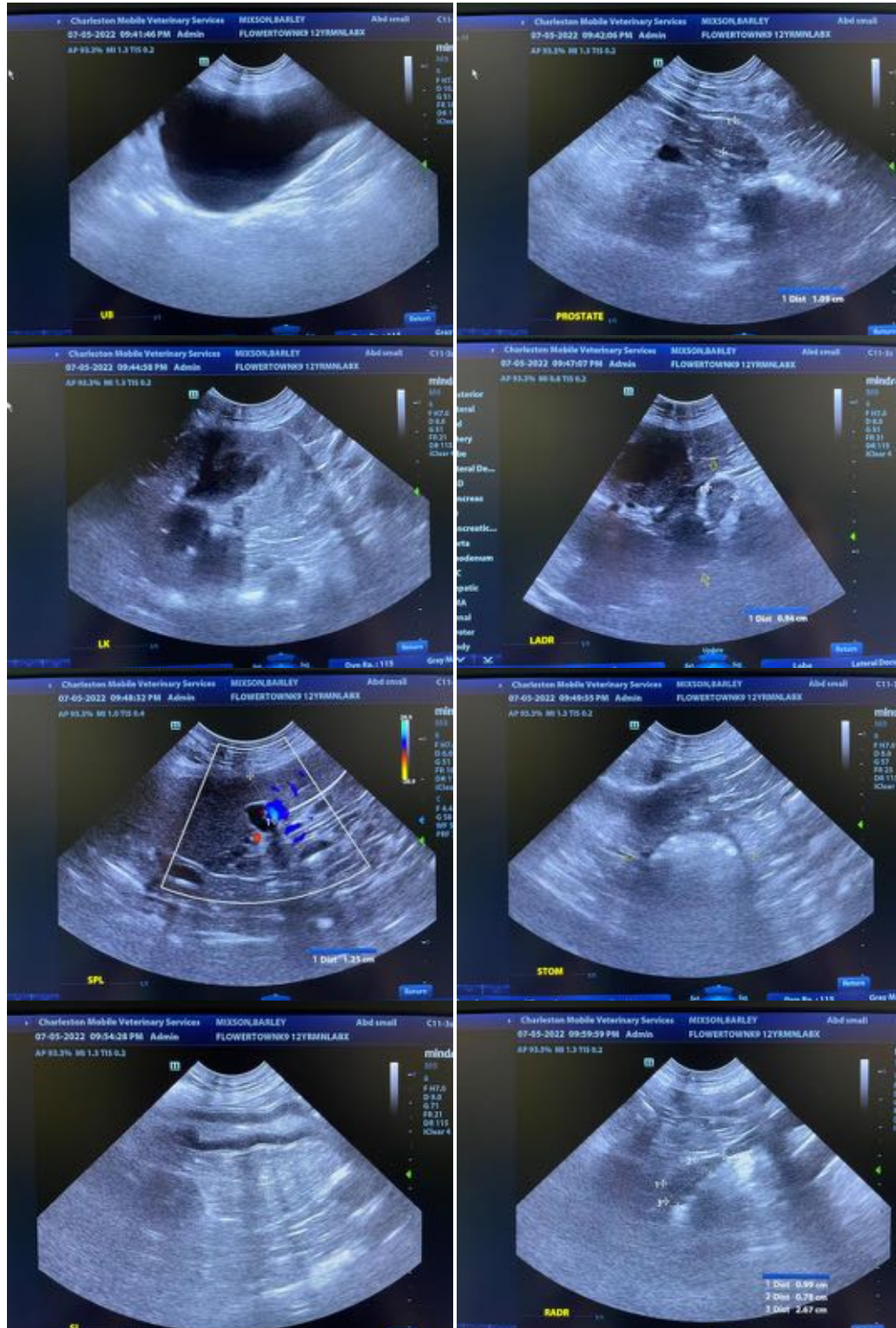
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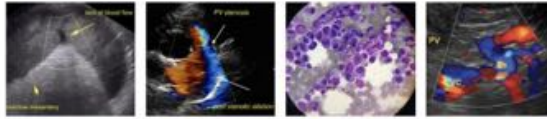
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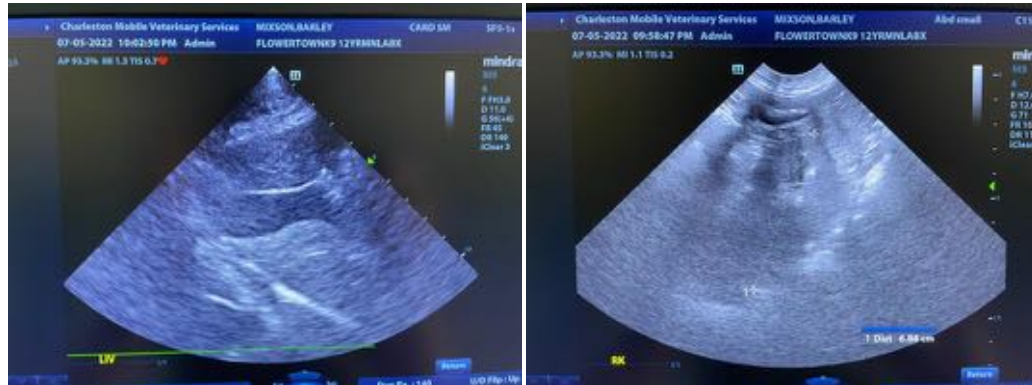
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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