



**PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Denver Smith Arrhythmia heard on auscultation. Blood work results WNL VPCs found on a pre-dental ECG.

**SPECIES ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**Canine 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.

**BREED**

Shepherd mix

**SEX**

Male, neutered

The prostate is normal in size (1.25 cm in width) with slightly irregular peripheral contours. The parenchyma is subtly mottled in appearance. No distinct focal lesions are observed. The prostatic urethra is not overtly dilated.

**AGE**

12/13/2008

The left kidney is normal size (6.07 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.

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The right kidney is normal size (6.64 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.

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**Adrenal Glands**

The left adrenal gland is normal size (0.55 cm at cranial pole) (0.69 cm at caudal pole) (2.66 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 (1.26 cm at cranial pole) (0.72 cm at caudal pole) (2.87 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**

The spleen is normal in size (1.49 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 curvilinear peripheral contours. The parenchyma is hypoechoic relative to the spleen with minor changes consistent with age-related remodeling. No focal lesions are observed. Hepatic vasculature and biliary tracts are of normal volume with no evidence of congestion. The gall bladder lumen is distended. The wall is thin and smooth. A large amount of dependent to partially dependent debris/sludge is observed within the lumen. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not seen.

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The stomach and intestine are free of stasis and exhibit normal peristaltic activity. The gastric lumen is mildly distended with ingesta. 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 segmentally dilated with gas and 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. No obstructive disease is noted.

**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.

**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**

- Minor geriatric/age-related hepatic and renal changes. The abdomen is otherwise unremarkable. An obvious cause for the patient's intermittent VPCs is not identified in this study. Considerations include underlying cardiac disease, electrolyte abnormality, systemic disease (i.e., GI upset), other.

**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

- An electrolyte panel is recommended to assess for other metabolic causes of arrhythmia.
- Three-view thoracic radiographs are recommended to assess for occult disease in the chest.
- Further recommendations should be based on results from the above diagnostics as well as the echocardiogram report.





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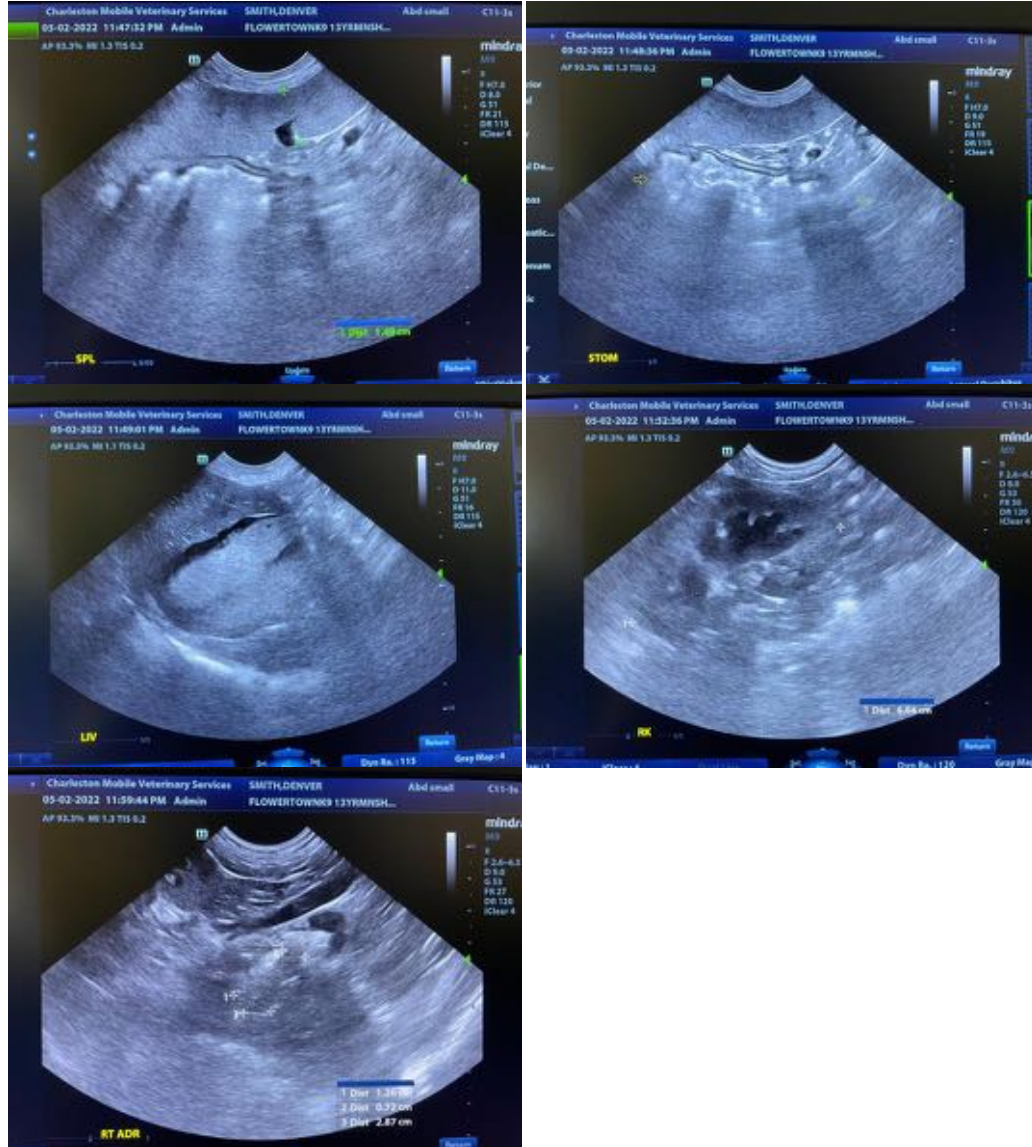
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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