



**PATIENT**

Ellie Dobler

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Labrador Retriever

**SEX**

Female, spayed

**AGE**

4/11/2021

**WEIGHT**

63 lbs.

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

O reports about 9 month history of intermittent dribbling and urine pooling/incontinence on bed when sleeping. She urinates normally when on a walk, but does not want to urinate if not on leash. Will let her out at bedtime and she will not go so feels that she has a full bladder and leaks at night. May happen twice per week. Occasional small amounts, other times larger volume. No stranguria. - No abnormalities on lab work.

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

*Urinary System*

The urinary bladder wall is normal in thickness and the mucosal surface is smooth. The bladder is moderately distended. Luminal contents are anechoic. No cystic calculi are observed. The region of the trigone and the proximal urethra, visible to a depth of 3-4 cm, are normal.

The left kidney is normal size (5.89 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 (6.88 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 (0.48 cm at cranial pole) (0.64 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 (0.89 cm at cranial pole) (0.63 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.

*Spleen*

The spleen is normal in size (2.47 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*



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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.

**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. A few prominent mesenteric lymph nodes are visualized, the largest measuring 1.83 cm in length.

**Other**

The uterine stump is visible (0.51 cm in width). No obvious pathology is seen.

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

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

**Primary Findings:**

- An obvious cause for the patient's urinary incontinence is not definitively identified in this study. Considerations include urethral sphincter mechanism incompetence, occult urinary tract infection, ectopic ureters, neurologic disease (unlikely), behavioral issue, other.

**Secondary Findings:**

- The lymph node changes are most consistent with reactive lymphadenitis or lymphoid hyperplasia.

**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

- A urine culture and sensitivity can be considered to assess for occult infection, if not already performed.
- Consider empirical treatment for urethral sphincter mechanism incompetence (i.e., Phenylpropanolamine or estrogen). If no improvement in the patient's clinical signs is seen within 1-2 weeks of initiating therapy, medications should be discontinued.
- Although ectopic ureters were not identified in this study, they cannot be completely excluded as a possible cause for incontinence. In order to definitive diagnosis ectopic ureters, a contrast CT scan and/or cystoscopy would be necessary.



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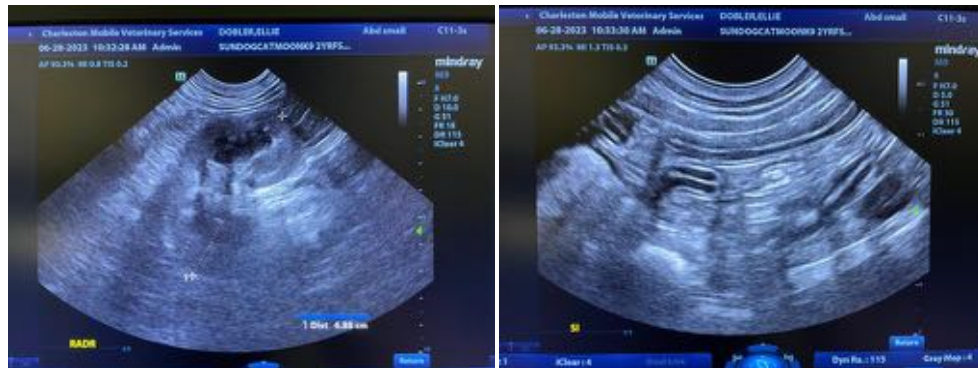
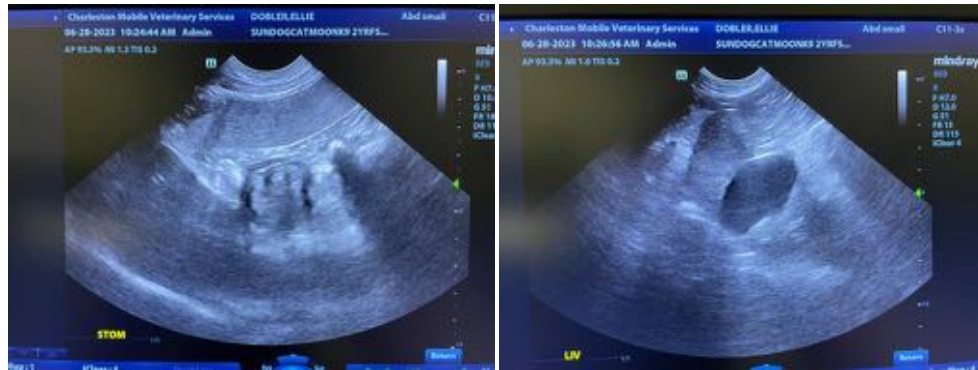
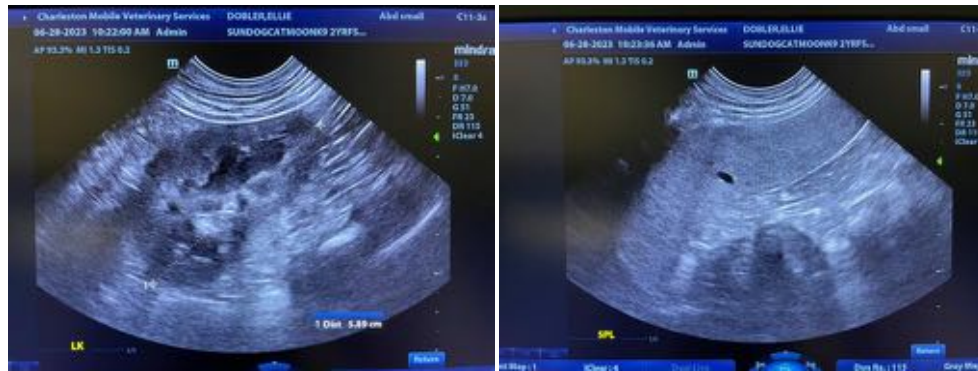
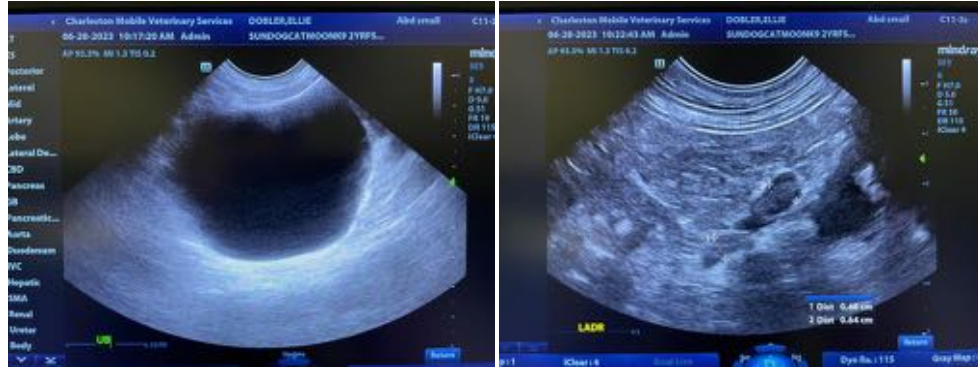
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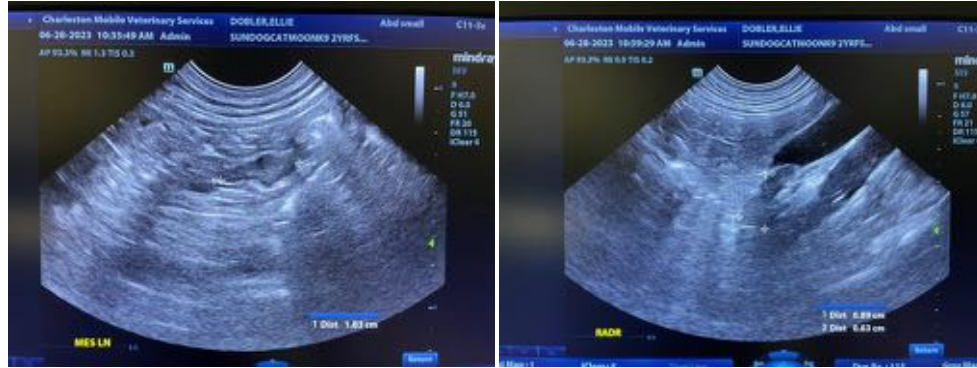
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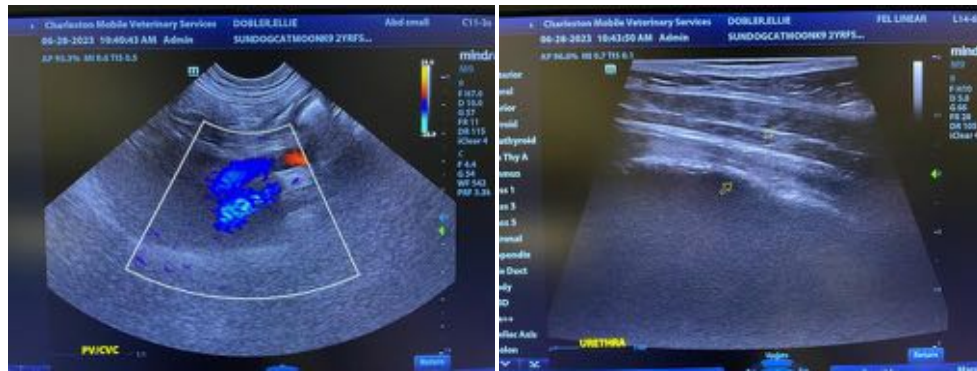
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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