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Gus Lerche

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Canine

**BREED**

Lab mix

**SEX**

Male, neutered

**AGE**

6/25/2019

**WEIGHT**

72.12 lbs.

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Reoccurring V+. Resting cortisol performed today not consistent with Addison's disease. Thoracic and abdominal radiographs taken a few months ago were unremarkable.

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**Urinary System**

The urinary bladder wall is normal in thickness and the mucosal surface is smooth. The bladder is mildly distended. Luminal contents are mostly anechoic. No cystic calculi are observed. The region of the trigone and the proximal urethra, visible to a depth of 4-5 cm, are normal.

The prostate is normal in size (0.77 cm in width) and shape. Parenchyma is homogenous. The prostatic urethra appears normal without evidence of dilation or obstruction.

The left kidney is normal in size (7.00 cm in length) with a normal shape, architecture and 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 in size (6.85 cm in length) with a normal shape, architecture and 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 normal in size (0.57 cm at cranial pole) (0.49 cm at caudal pole) with a normal shape and 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 in size (0.68 cm at cranial pole) (0.51 cm at caudal pole) with a normal shape and 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 (2.06 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. 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 mostly anechoic. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not seen.

**Gastrointestinal**

The gastric lumen is mildly gas distended. The gastric wall in the region of the fundus is variably thickened (0.28-1.08 cm) with loss of the normal layering pattern in the thickened regions. The



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mesentery effacing the serosal surface of the fundus is hyperechoic. The gastric wall in the region of the pyloric antrum and pylorus is 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 is normal in thickness with a normal layering pattern and appropriate mural detail. The ileocecolic junction and colonic wall are normal. There is no obvious evidence of an obstructive pattern.

**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.

**Lymph nodes**

2 prominent lymph nodes are observed in the left mid to caudal abdomen, one of the nodes measuring 1.67 x 0.61 cm. 2 prominent mesenteric lymph nodes are also seen, one of the nodes measuring 0.94 x 0.56 cm.

**Free Abdomen**

There is no obvious evidence of free fluid.

**Other**

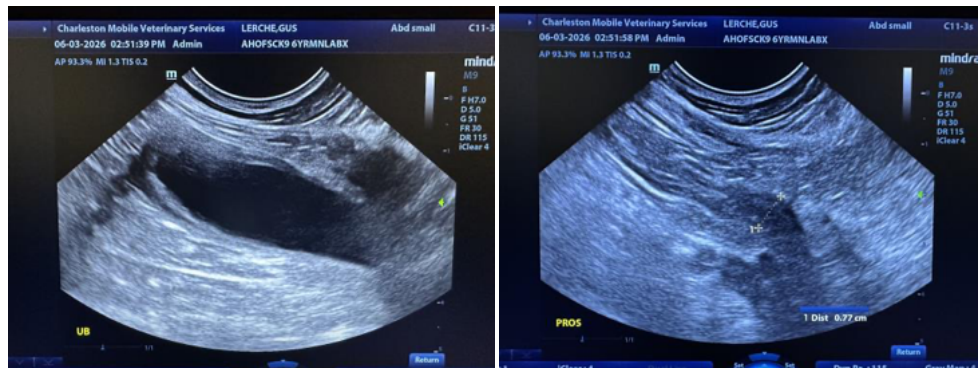
A brief echocardiogram reveals no evidence of pericardial effusion or obvious right atrial/auricular mass.

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

- The gastric wall thickening could be consistent with severe gastritis or infiltrative neoplasia (i.e., lymphoma, adenocarcinoma). Mild adjacent peritonitis is present.
- The prominent abdominal lymph nodes are most consistent with reactive lymphadenitis or lymphoid hyperplasia. Neoplastic infiltration is considered less likely.

**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

A GI panel including serum cobalamin, folate, TLI and PLI is recommended. Ultimately endoscopic or surgical GI biopsies, with particular attention to the thickened portions of gastric wall, should be considered to get a definitive diagnosis.





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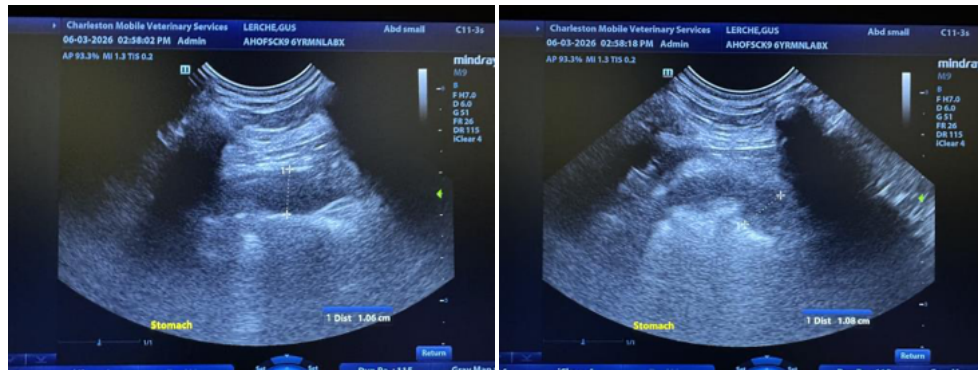
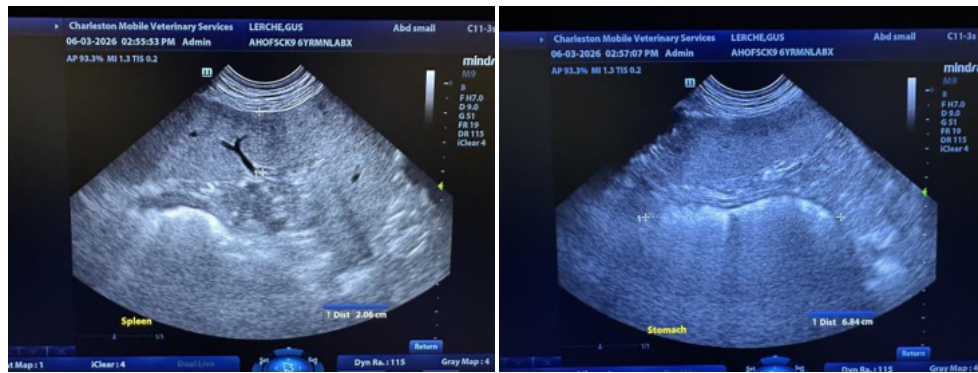
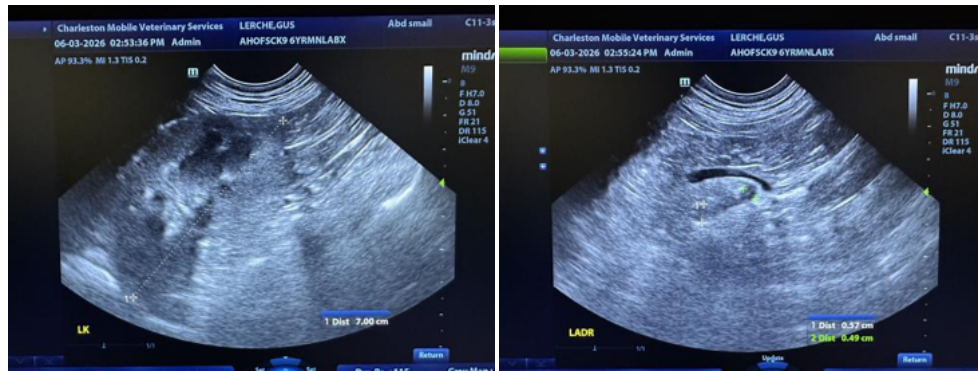
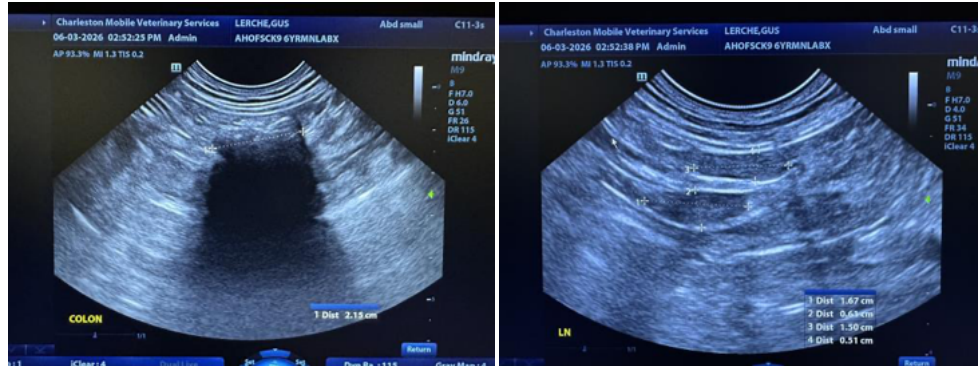
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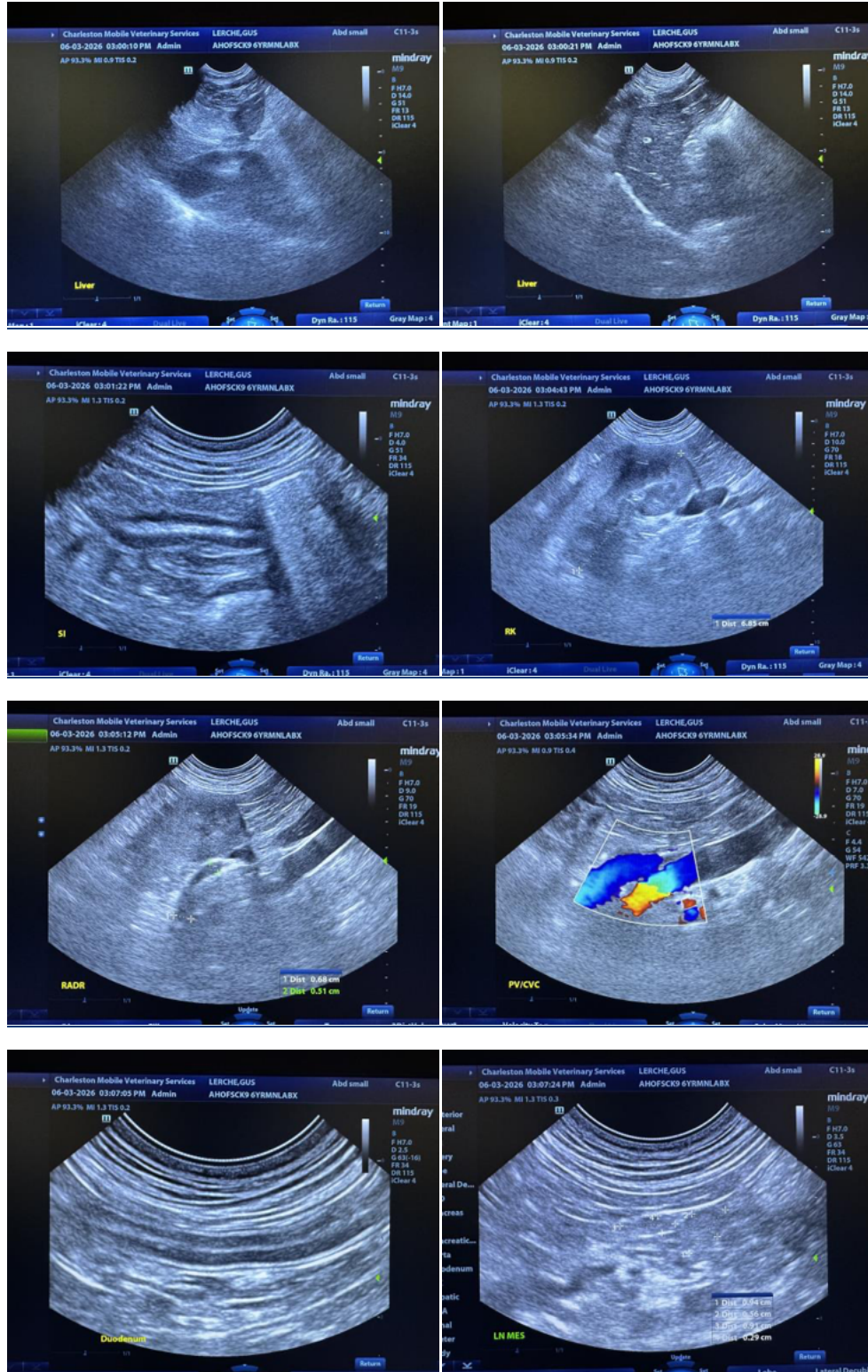
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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