

**PATIENT**

Gilbert Swainston

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Fox Terrier

**SEX**

Male, neutered

**AGE**

6 Yrs.

**WEIGHT**

10.5 kg.

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**HOSPITAL NAME**

Buck AH

**REFERRING VET**

Dr. Morin

**DATE**  
10/25/22

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: NAF on PE or BW, but having episodes (5-6 since May) Last night another episode, and the night before it was worse. Happened several hours after he's eaten. Will sit up, ears are back, seems like sharp movement. Tried to crawl all over owner, running in circles and trying to hide somewhere dark. Similar to when he's had his other episodes. No change in appetite. Stools are formed. meds: sulcrate

**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 (1.02 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 (5.16 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 (4.97 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 normal size (0.49 cm at cranial pole) (0.49 cm at caudal pole) (1.79 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 (1.17 cm at cranial pole) (0.52 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 subjectively normal in size 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 gallbladder is of normal contours and contains some dependent echogenic debris. The wall is normal in thickness. No choleliths are observed. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal.

*Gastrointestinal*



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The gastric lumen is mildly to moderately distended with soft shadowing ingesta. The gastric wall and pylorus are normal in thickness with a normal layering pattern. The small intestinal lumen is segmentally dilated with gas and chyme (mild). 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.

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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**

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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**

- The gastric luminal contents may represent normal ingesta and/or foreign material. Correlation with the patient's clinical history is recommended.

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\*An obvious cause for the patient's clinical signs is not identified in this study. Considerations include pain response, underlying neurologic disease, other.

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Consider three-view thoracic radiographs to assess for occult disease in the chest.
- Thorough orthopedic and neurologic examinations are also recommended to assess for non-metabolic causes of pain.
- A cPLI may be useful in further evaluating for mild pancreatitis, which can result in abdominal pain.
- Ultimately, consultation with a board certified neurologist may be warranted.

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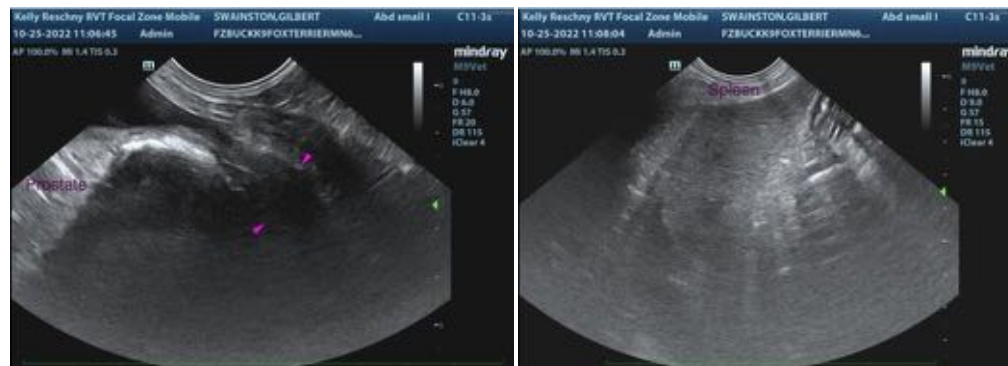
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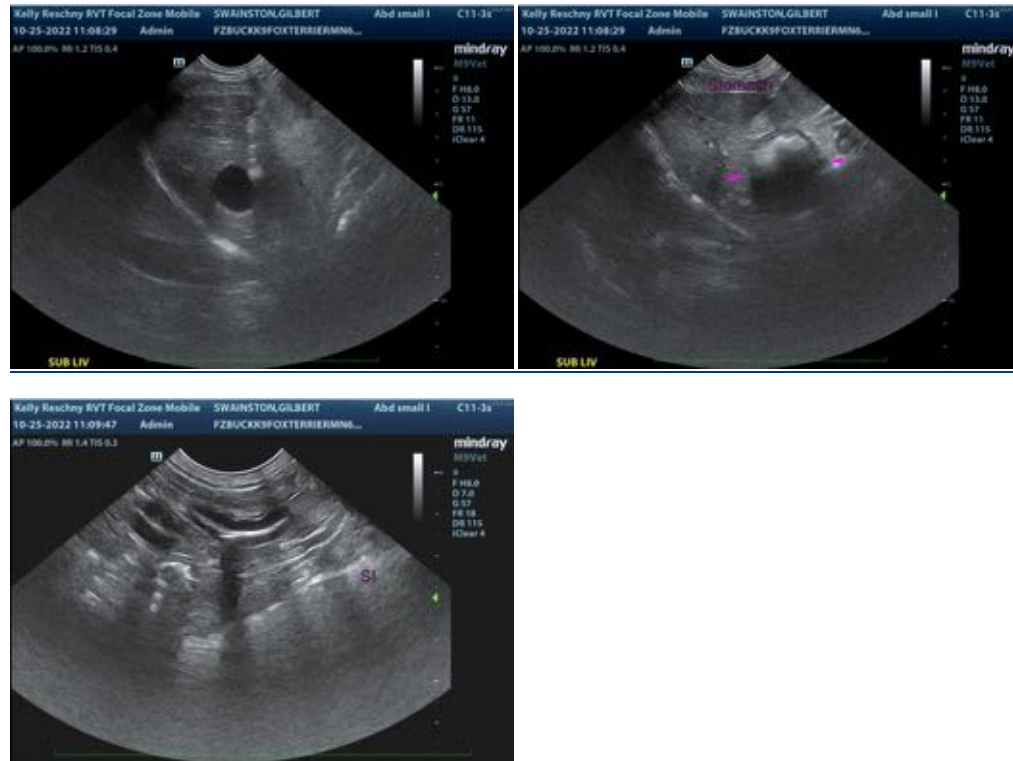
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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