



**PATIENT**

Rikki Boyd

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Mix

**SEX**

Spayed Female

**AGE**

11 Years 4 Months

**WEIGHT**

72.3 lbs

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Blood found on blanket multiple times w/ no clear source. On blanket 4 times over 1.5 weeks. Rads reveal possible soft tissue mass effect in cranial dorsal abd. with displacement of gastric fundus.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Cal-11.7 K-5.8 NAK-26 Chol-397 PLT-426

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**Urinary System**

The urinary bladder is adequately distended with anechoic contents. No masses, inflammatory changes, echogenic sediment or cystoliths are observed. The urinary bladder, trigone and visible pelvic urethra are normal in thickness with a smooth mucosal surface.

The right kidney is normal is size (5.87 cm), shape and echogenicity. It has smooth peripheral margination. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with appropriate corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, mineral or infarcts observed.

The left kidney is normal is size (6.36 cm), shape and echogenicity. It has smooth peripheral margination. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with appropriate corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, mineral or infarcts observed.

**Adrenal Glands**

The area of the right adrenal gland is examined without evident adrenal gland pathology, but a definitive right adrenal gland is difficult to fully visualize/isolate for measurement.

The left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.80 cm at cranial pole and 0.59 cm at caudal pole), shape and overall architecture, echogenicity and echotexture. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

**Spleen**

The spleen is subjectively normal in size with a normal smooth capsular contour. Parenchyma is appropriately finely textured and homogenous with normal echogenicity relative to surrounding tissue (hyperechoic to liver). No focal nodules or masses are observed. Splenic vasculature appears normal.

**Liver**

The liver is subjectively normal in size with normal smooth curvilinear peripheral contour. Parenchyma is appropriately hypoechoic to the spleen in echogenicity and appropriately mildly coarse and homogenous in echotexture. No focal lesions are observed. Visible vasculature and biliary tree appear normal without distension or congestion.

Gallbladder is subjectively mildly overdistended, measuring 5.7 cm x 5.9 cm in size with anechoic bile as well as suspended and gravity dependent echogenic debris. Some of the debris has a mineral/sand appearance with a cystolith or cystoliths unable to be definitively ruled out. The wall is smooth without visible thickening. There is no evidence of cystic or CBD dilation. There is no evidence of effusion or inflammation.

**Gastrointestinal**

The visible stomach wall is normal in thickness and layering. The lumen of the stomach is empty with no evidence of obstruction, foreign material or infiltrative disease. Pyloric outflow tract appears patent.



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The visible small intestines are normal in wall thickness and layering. Small intestinal motility appears adequate (1-3 contractions per min). The lumen of the small intestine is empty with no evidence of obstruction, foreign material or infiltrative disease.

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The visible colon is normal in wall thickness (< 0.2 cm) and layering. Contents are consistent with normal formed feces and gas.

***Pancreas***

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The pancreas that is observed appears appropriately isoechoic to surrounding omental fat. Visible capsule is smooth and normal in contour. Visible pancreatic parenchyma is homogenous and unremarkable. There is no visible pancreatic duct dilation. There is no evidence of active peripancreatic inflammation.

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***Free Abdomen***

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There is no visible free peritoneal effusion noted in these images.

There is no apparent pathologic lymphadenopathy noted in these images.

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

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- Moderate gallbladder debris - Cholecystic debris is of unknown clinical significance. It can be seen with biliary stasis from fasting or illness. Cholecystic debris is not necessarily related to hepatobiliary disease. Echogenic bile is most commonly an incidental finding in dogs and should be interpreted in combination with clinical signs such as nausea, inappetence, cranial abdominal discomfort and/or laboratory changes such as increased ALP and/or increased Tbili. *\*As described above, subjectively the gallbladder looks mildly overdistended and may contain cholecystoliths.*

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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There is not a definitive cranial abdominal mass present in these images at this time unless radiographically the soft tissue density was the subjectively overdistended gallbladder. This gallbladder finding should be interpreted in combination with clinical history, laboratory changes, etc., as it may be an incidental non-pathologic finding, and is most certainly not related to patient's reported presenting complaint.

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Given patient's reported presenting complaint, if not recently evaluated, a urinalysis and, if indicated based on urinalysis results, urine culture is recommended. If protein is present in an otherwise quiet sediment, protein quantification with a urine protein to creatinine ratio is recommended.

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A thorough rectal and perianal exam is recommended.

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A thorough oral exam is recommended.

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In the meantime, especially if patient is hypercalcemic and/or hyperkalemic, a malignancy panel (PTH, PTHrP, iCa) to Michigan State College of Veterinary Medicine is recommended for further investigation of the reported hypercalcemia.

A baseline cortisol is recommended. If baseline cortisol is less than 2, a full ACTH stimulation test is recommended to rule out hypoadrenocorticism.



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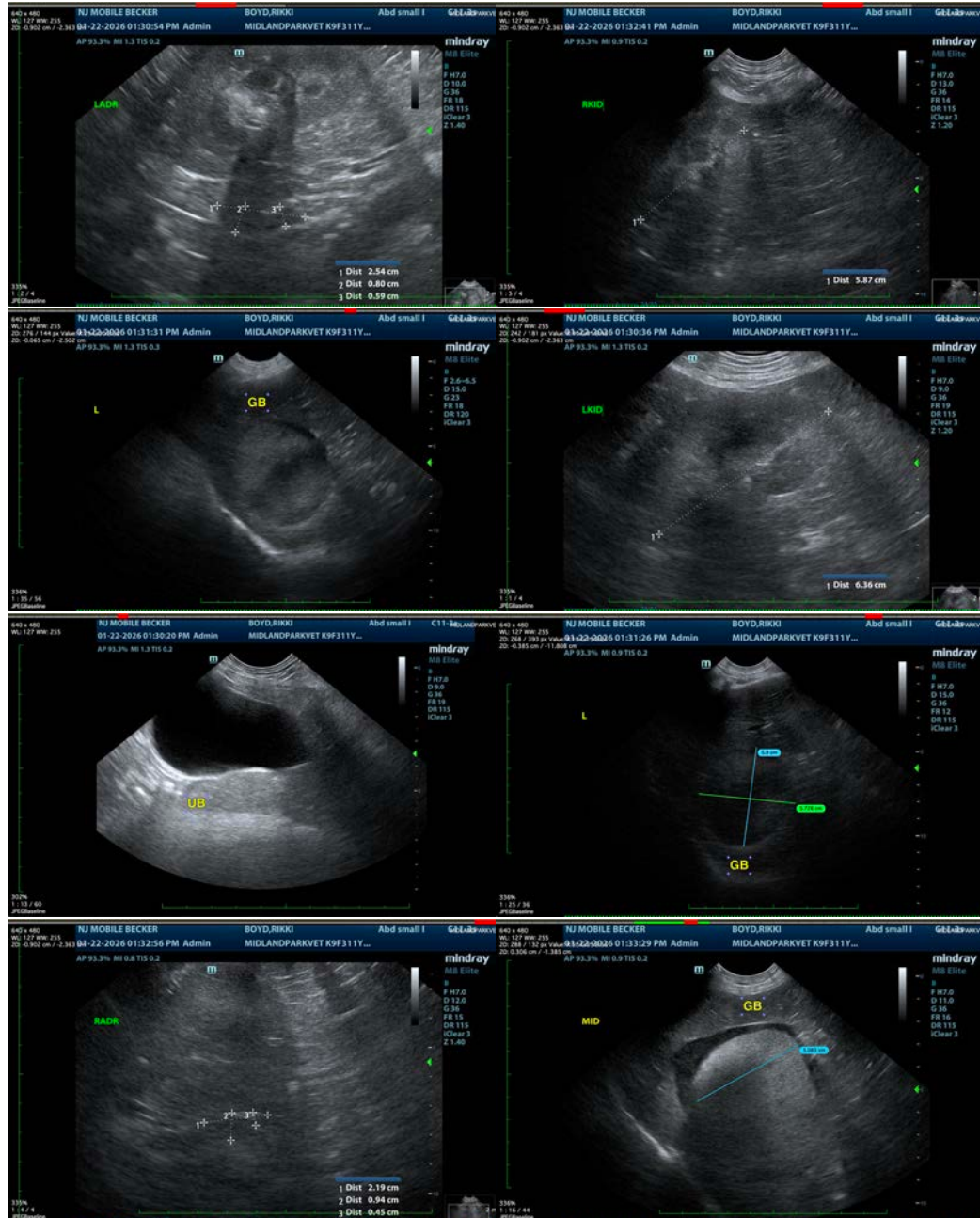
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Other than supportive/symptomatic medical management of clinical signs, further treatment recommendations are largely dependent on results of the above.





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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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