

**DATE**

10/3/22

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: Consistent abnormal CPL.

**PATIENT**

Waffles Ver Hoef

Current Medications: None.

Lab Results: 7/17- Lipase 494, Spec CPL 755. 8/14 Snap cPL abnormal. 9/17 Snap cPL abnormal.

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.

Sedation: Dexdomitor/Torbugesic IV.

Stat Report: Not requested.

Imaging Performed By: Stephanie Warga RDCS, RVT.

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Irish Setter

**SEX**

Spayed Female

**AGE**

10/4/16

**WEIGHT**

79.6 Pounds

**INTERPRETED BY**Beth Johnson, DVM  
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**REFERRING VET**

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**INVOICE**

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**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN****Urinary System**

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.

Left kidney is normal is size (7.34 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.

Right kidney is normal is size (6.87 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.

**Adrenal Glands**

Left adrenal gland is small (flattened contour) (2.95 cm long x 0.32 cm at cranial pole and 0.41 cm at caudal pole). Corticomedullary structure is unremarkable. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

Right adrenal gland is normal in size (3.3 cm long x 0.98 cm at cranial pole and 0.75 cm at caudal pole), shape and overall architecture, echogenicity and echotexture. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

**Spleen**

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**

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 non-distended in size. The wall is smooth without visible thickening. Luminal contents are primarily anechoic. There is no evidence of cystic or common bile duct dilation.

**Gastrointestinal**

The visible stomach wall is normal in thickness and layering. The lumen of the stomach is mildly distended with echogenic non-shadowing luminal contents and gas consistent with normal ingesta. There is no evidence of obstruction, foreign material or infiltrative disease. Pyloric outflow tract appears patent.

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.

The visible colon is normal in wall thickness and layering. Contents are consistent with normal formed feces and gas.

### ***Pancreas***

The observed pancreas 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.

### ***Free Abdomen***

There is no evidence of peritoneal effusion. There is no apparent lymphadenopathy.

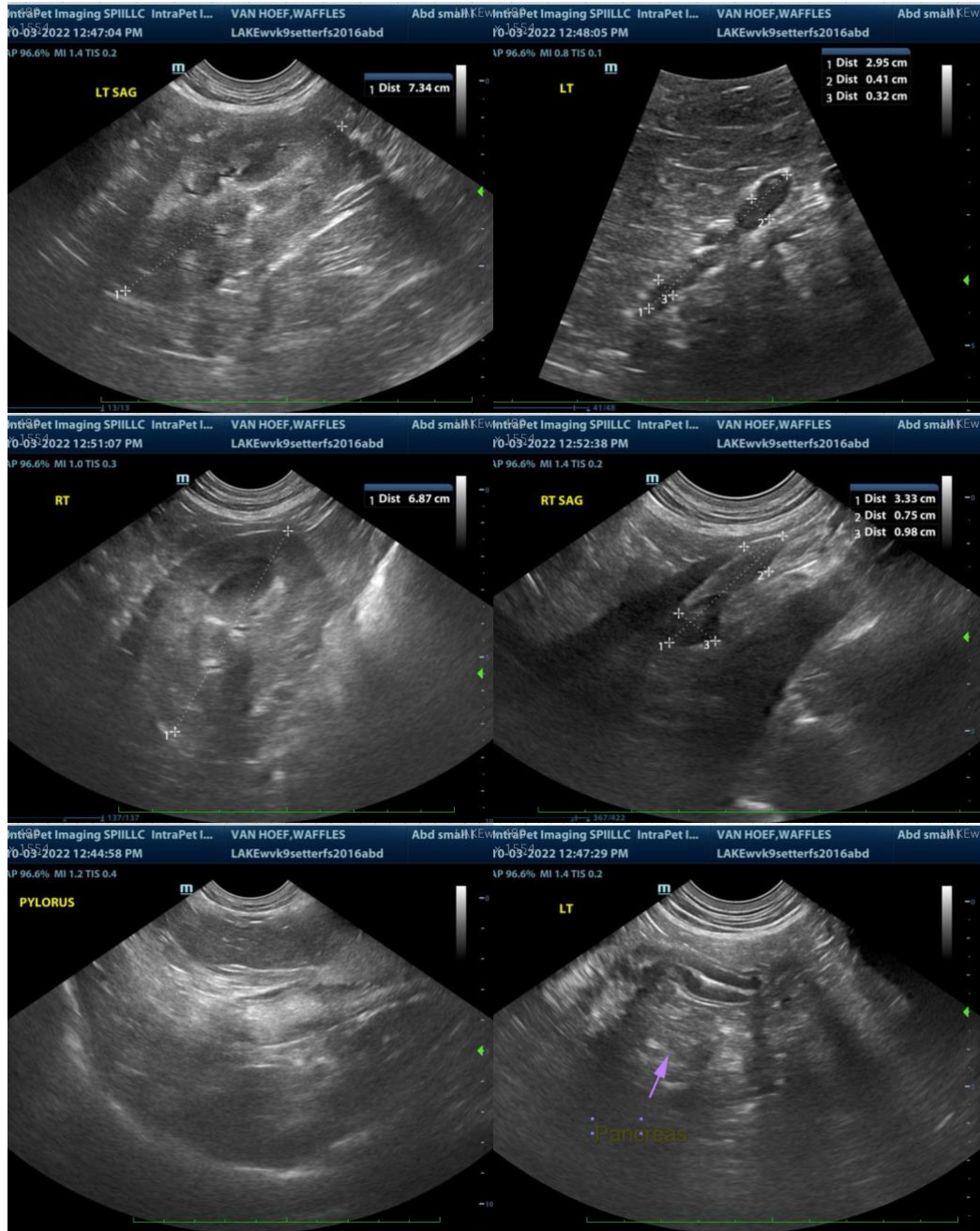
## **ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

- Flat left adrenal gland – This can be a normal patient variant and/or a sign of exogenous cortisol administration. If exogenous steroids are not being administered, hypoadrenocorticism (either relative or absolute) should be considered.

## **INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

The appearance of this patient's adrenal glands is likely a normal patient/breed variant, however, given the severity of undiagnosed hypoadrenocorticism, a baseline cortisol is recommended. If baseline cortisol is less than 2, a full ACTH stimulation test is recommended to rule out hypoadrenocorticism.

There is no ultrasonographic evidence of pancreatitis in these images at this time, however, chronic smoldering pancreatitis cannot be ruled out based on a normal ultrasound. Having said that, a CPL is also not 100% specific for pancreatitis either. Transition to a low-fat diet could be considered if well tolerated by the patient, however, with the lack of supporting clinical signs, such as decreased appetite, nausea, cranial abdominal pain, etc. and/or ultrasonographic changes, further intervention is likely not required in any form at this time.



The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. 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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