



PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

PATIENT
Roxy Ireland
SPECIES
Canine
BREED
English Bulldog

Presents for ultrasound as part of workup for diarrhea past 2 months; ongoing skin allergies, responded well to hydrolyzed diet (Hills z/d) but that seemed to be when the diarrhea got a lot worse. Has tried a probiotic which helped a little Pt is drinking more than normal (approx 2X) and appetite is down Ongoing issues with otitis and arthritis Medications: Tylan Apoquel Carprofen Topical ear meds

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: PE primarily remarkable for pronounced stertorous breathing, pt very stressed; butorphanol took edge off stress but breathing still quite labored (would not be able to sedate further without intubation). Muscle wasting and weakness in pelvic limbs 10/24/22 Fecal O&P: neg CBC: normal WBC count, morphology and distribution with slight elevation absolute neutrophils and PLT. Chems: -hypoproteinemia with TP 3.7, glob 2.2, alb 1.5 -slight decrease Phosphorus -remainder of full chem profile is normal

SEX ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

SEX
Spayed Female
Urinary System

The urinary bladder is moderately 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.

AGE
8 Years
WEIGHT
21 kg

The right kidney is normal in size (5.01 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 in size (5.37 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.

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Adrenal Glands

The right adrenal gland is normal in size (0.58 cm at the cranial pole and 0.74 cm at the caudal pole), shape and contour. Corticomedullary structure is unremarkable. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

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The left adrenal gland is normal in size (the cranial pole is not well visualized, the caudal pole measures 0.69 cm), shape and contour. Corticomedullary structure is unremarkable. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

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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.

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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.

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The 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.



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Gastrointestinal

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The stomach wall is normal in thickness (canine < 0.5 cm and feline < 0.4 cm) 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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Small intestine is diffusely mildly thick with a relatively thick mucosa compared to other layers. Normal wall layering is preserved; however, the mucosa is more echogenic than normal and contains hyperechoic striations perpendicular to the lumen. The lumen is empty with no evidence of obstruction or foreign material.

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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.

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Pancreas

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The pancreatic parenchyma is appropriately isoechoic to surrounding tissue. Visible capsule is smooth and normal in contour. 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 evidence of free peritoneal effusion noted in these images.

WEIGHT

There is no apparent lymphadenopathy noted in these images.

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- **Lymphangiectasia** – Small bowel findings are most consistent with lacteal dilation. These findings can be observed with protein-losing enteropathies caused by either primary lymphangiectasia or primary infiltrative inflammatory disease with secondary lymphangiectasia. Infiltrative neoplasia is possible but considered less likely. Histopathology is necessary to definitively determine underlying cause.

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

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A gastrointestinal malabsorption panel (including cobalamin, folate, TLI and PLI) to Texas A&M GI Laboratory is recommended for further evaluation of GI and pancreatic function.

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Ideally, biopsies of the GI tract are recommended to definitively diagnose and therefore manage the infiltrative bowel process.

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If biopsies cannot be obtained safely due to low albumin or patient stability, etc., empirical therapies could include diet change to an ultra-low fat diet, empirical deworming with a 5 day course of Panacur, cobalamin supplementation (unless cobalamin level is evaluated and supplementation is not warranted) a probiotic and prednisolone (if not contraindicated based on patient contraindications, co-morbidities, etc.). Calcium monitoring, and supplementation if necessary, is also recommended.

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Additionally, to rule out concurrent proteinuria, a urinalysis and, if indicated based on urinalysis results, urine culture are recommended. If protein is present in an otherwise quiet sediment, protein quantification with a urine protein to creatinine ration is recommended.

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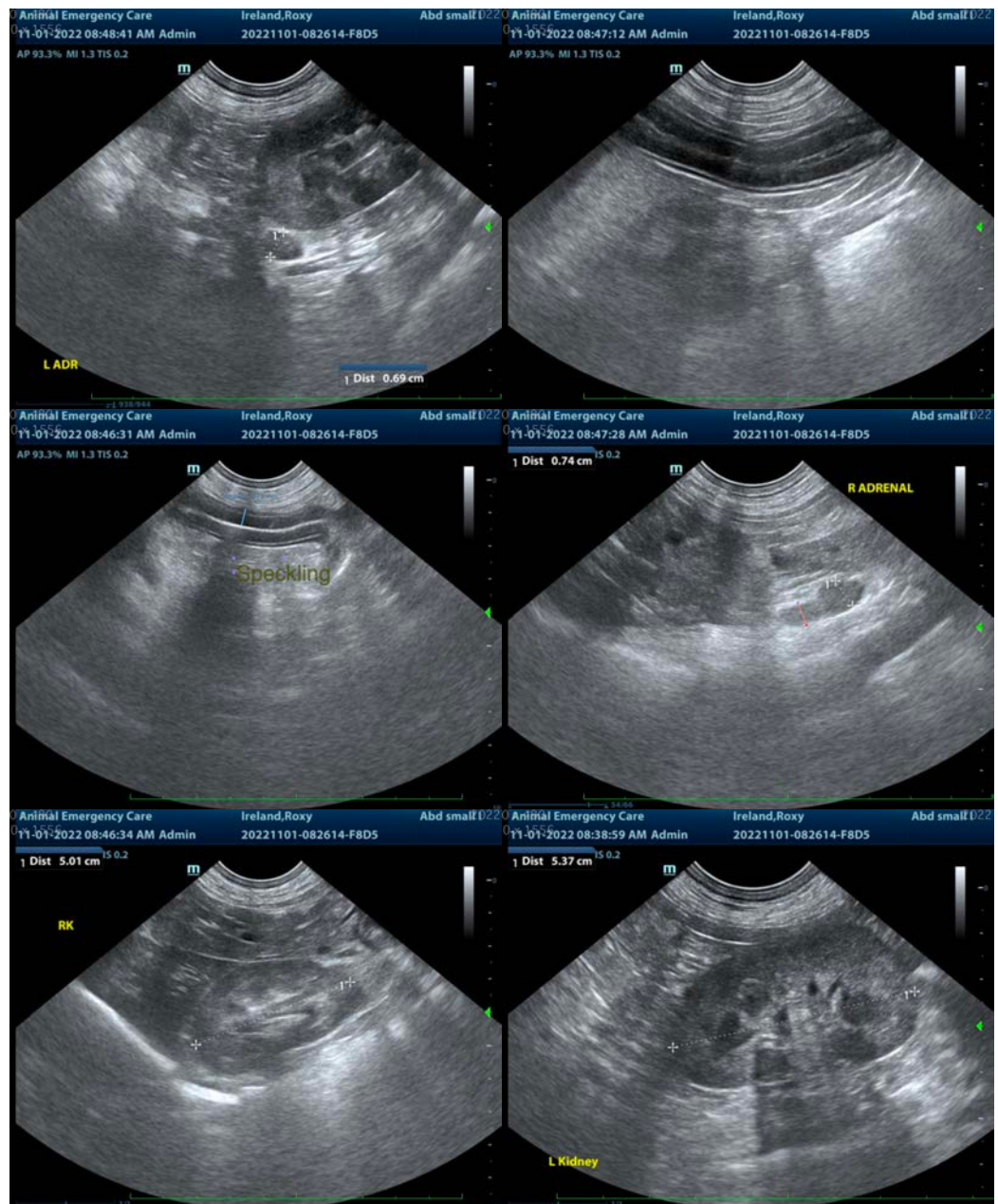
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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