

**DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

11/29/22

Hematochezia- 1-2 weeks duration with small amounts of soft stool passing. Rectal exam reveals 1cm round mass within mucosa, marked rectal inflammation.

PATIENT

Trooper Bumar

Current Medications: Started 11/23: Prednisolone @ 0.84 mg/kg/day x 4 days then halved for 4 days, Metronidazole @ 10mg/kg BID, Visbiome 1c BID.

Lab Results: Alb 4.1 (<3.9) Remainder unremarkable

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.

Sedation: Not required to complete full diagnostic ultrasound.

Stat Report: Not requested.

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Siberian Husky

SEX

Neutered Male

AGE

9/24/11

WEIGHT

52.1 Pounds

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**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.

The prostate is symmetrically mildly enlarged, measuring 1.75 cm wide, with heterogeneous appearance and some multifocal mineralization. It is well differentiated from surrounding tissue. The prostate is located pelvically and was able to be visualized with perianal pressure applied during the ultrasound.

The right kidney is normal in size (5.88 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 (7.06 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 right adrenal gland is normal in size (2.67 cm long x 0.50 cm at the cranial pole and 0.59 cm at the caudal pole), shape and contour. Corticomedullary structure is unremarkable. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

The left adrenal gland is normal in size (3.02 cm long x 0.60 cm at the cranial pole and 0.64 cm at the caudal pole), shape and contour. Corticomedullary structure is unremarkable. 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). Multifocal well-demarcated hyperechoic homogenous nodules are noted. 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.

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.

Gastrointestinal

The visible stomach wall is normal in thickness (canine < 0.5 cm and feline < 0.4 cm) and layering. The stomach is mildly distended and contains an echogenic interface with some acoustic shadowing, concerning for foreign material. Normal ingesta and gas can't be definitively ruled out.

The visible small intestines are normal in wall thickness and layering (canine duodenum < 0.5 cm and feline duodenum < 0.4 cm; other < 0.3 cm). 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 (< 0.2 cm) and layering. Contents are consistent with normal formed feces and gas.

Pancreas

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.

Free Abdomen

There is no evidence of free peritoneal effusion noted in these images.

There is no apparent lymphadenopathy noted in these images.

PRIMARY FINDINGS

- **Heterogeneous, mineralized prostatomegaly** – Differentials include both infiltrative neoplasia as well as benign/bacterial versus other prostatitis.
- **Stomach contents with acoustic shadow** – Concerning for foreign material, especially given this patient's history of ingesting a toy yesterday. However, normal ingesta, gas, etc. cannot be definitively ruled out and this finding should be interpreted in combination with clinical signs and/or monitored.

SECONDARY FINDINGS

- **Hyperechoic splenic nodules** – most consistent with benign myelolipomas. Other differentials such as fibrosis or calcification caused by old hematomas or infarcts, chronic inflammation, granulomatous disease or metastatic disease cannot be ruled out, but are considered less likely.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

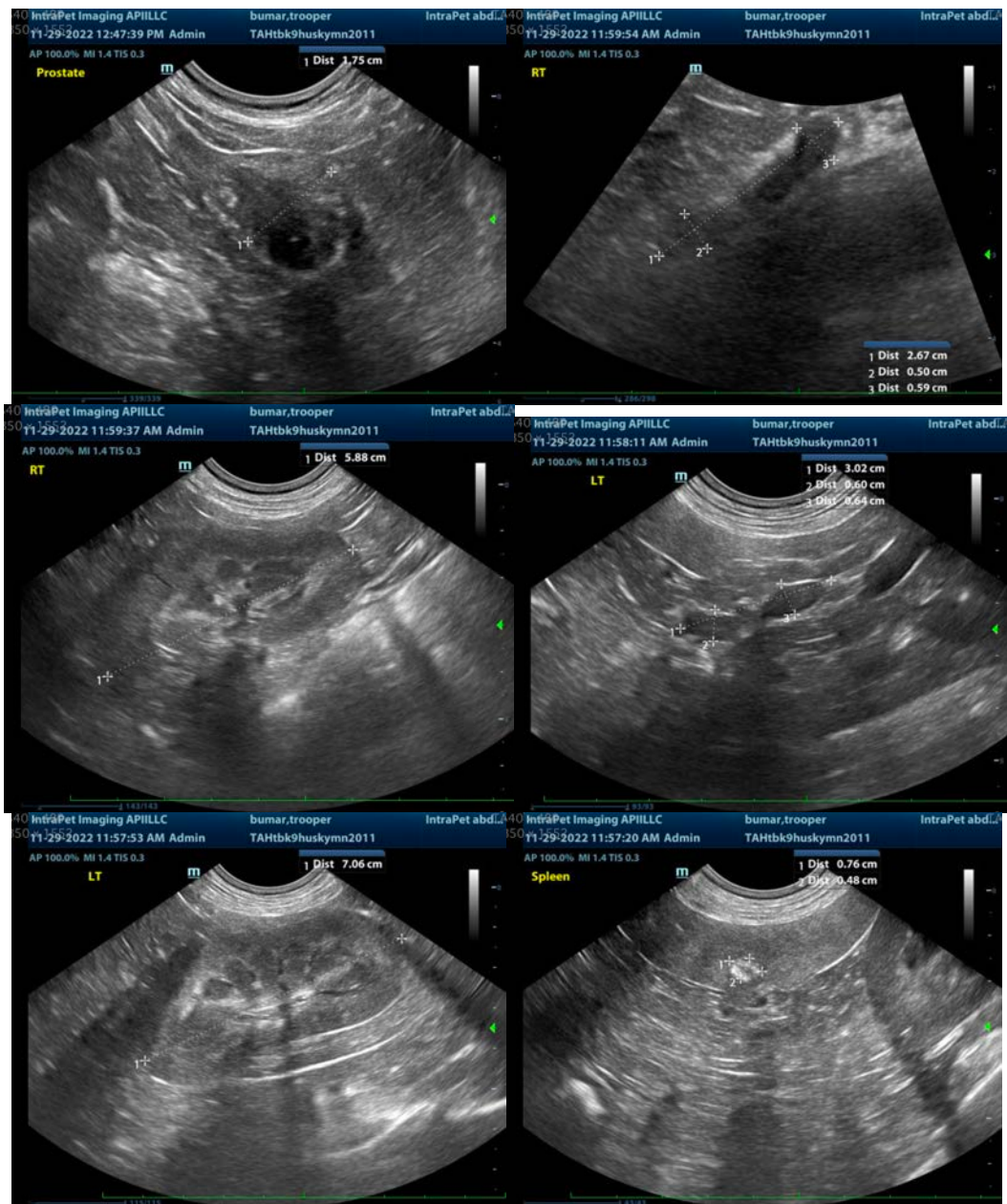
Given this patient's hematochezia and palpable rectal/distal colonic mass, colonoscopy is recommended for further evaluation of the colon as well as a biopsy of tissue including the reported mass.

Additionally, Three view thoracic radiographs are recommended for further assessment of cardio-pulmonary status as well as to further evaluate for any evidence of metastatic disease, if not recently evaluated.

To help differentiate benign prostatitis versus neoplasia, urinalysis and urine culture, if indicated based on urinalysis results, are recommended. Submission of urine to look for BRAF gene mutation, which is associated

with urinary bladder cancer, could be considered. Other diagnostic options include traumatic catheterization, fine needle aspirate (with small risk of tumor seeding/trailing) or cystoscopy for further sampling.

In the meantime, empirical deworming with a 5-day course of Panacur, a probiotic such as proviable or Visbiome, and potentially stool softeners could be considered as empirical therapy pending diagnostics, diagnostic results, etc.





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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