



**PATIENT**

Lyla Severinsen

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

American Bulldog

**SEX**

Spayed Female

**AGE**

8 Years 7 Months

**WEIGHT**

74.4

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: Stop eating yesterday they got her the hills science diet and she doesn't want to eat that much. She acts like she wants to eat but doesn't want to. They have been trying hard to not feed her other food because of the Diarrhea. She still is having the Diarrhea and her energy level is low but she still gets up and moves around. Has been having tremors mostly at night as well. Has been drinking lots of water. No vomiting. Has been putting rice in the food to help her eat it and she will eat the rice and leave the kibble. Yesterday was a hard day for her to eat.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: PE: Generalized muscle atrophy, diarrhea around anus, tremors in the room at rest, small tip fractures on teeth and large slab fracture of 208. Some abdominal tension and discomfort. Nails long. Sclerosis normal for age. LN's fine. Auscultation fine. UA: Specific Gravity 1.010 pH 6.0 Sediment Clear CBC: Lymphocytes 1.045K/uL Chem: Calcium 6.6 mg/dL Anion Gap 9 mmol/L Total Protein 3.1 g/dL Albumin 1.3 g/dL Globulin 1.8 g/dL Cholesterol 81 mg/dL Amylase 1,866 U/L Lipase 265 U/L Spec cPL f357 ug/L

**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 (6.2 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 (4.16 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 normal in size (1.35 cm long x 0.88 cm at cranial pole and 0.76 cm at caudal pole), shape and overall architecture, echogenicity and echotexture. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

Right adrenal gland is normal in size (1.24 cm long x 0.76 cm thick), 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.



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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**

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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.

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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 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 and layering. Contents are consistent with normal formed feces and gas.

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**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.

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**Free Abdomen**

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

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- 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**

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, especially given this patients reported tremors.

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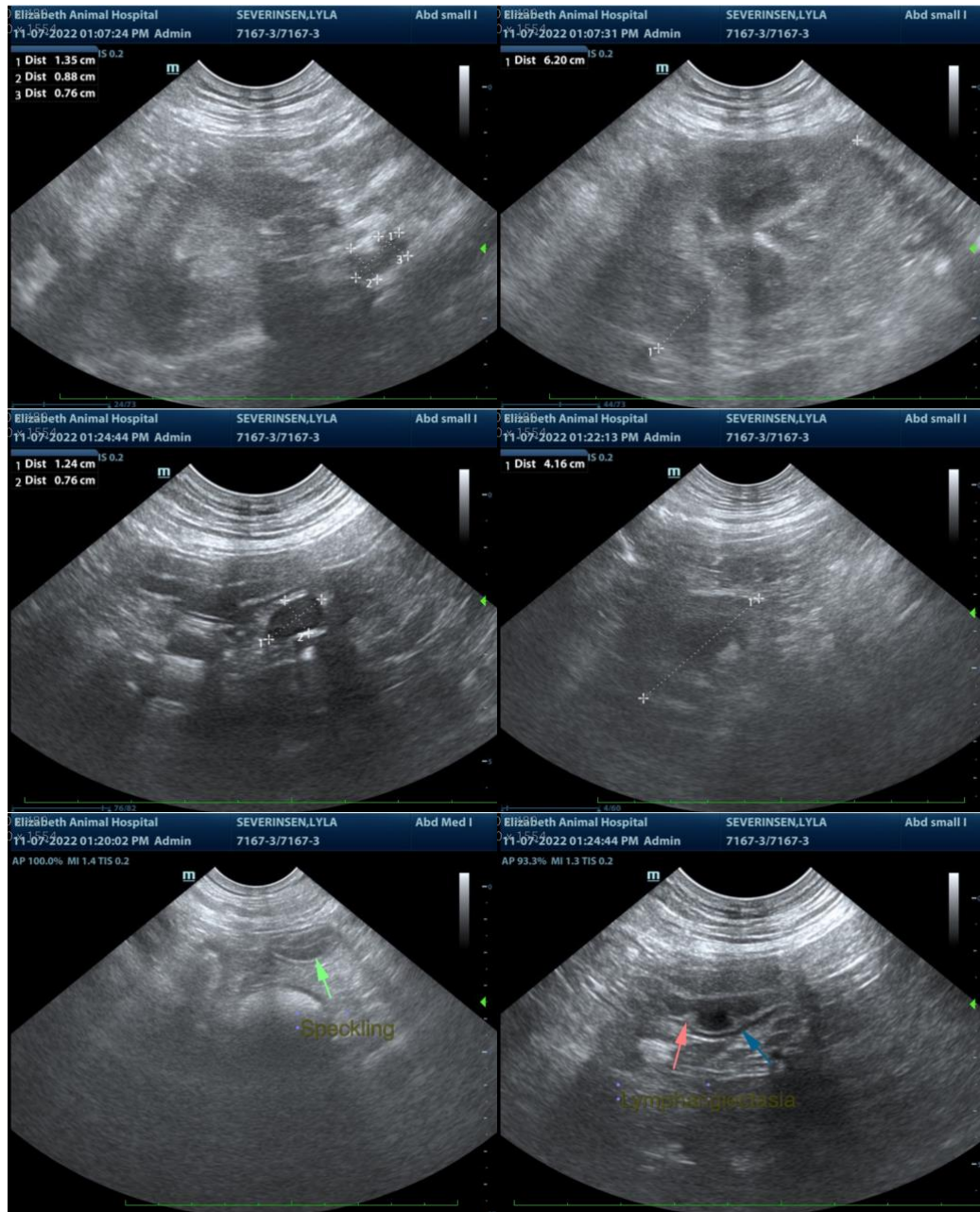
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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