



## PATIENT

Tornado Rivera

## SPECIES

Canine

## BREED

Siberian Husky

## SEX

Intact Male

## AGE

2 Years 5 Months

## WEIGHT

40.2 Pounds

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## HOSPITAL NAME

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## REFERRING VET

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## PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: Pt presented as a referral for an abdominal ultrasound to evaluate elevated enzymes and hx of weight loss of unknown cause with episodes of vomiting for 2 months. Pt was weighing ~60lbs and is now down to ~48lbs. At home O is trying to give him some broth, turkey, white rice and carrots since pt does not want to consume his regular food.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: High neutrophils and globulins, abnormal cPL. Bloodwork, cPL and radiographs attached as supporting documents.

## 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.

Prostate is symmetrically enlarged (5.2 cm in width) with smooth margins that are well differentiated from surrounding tissue. Normal bilobed shape is maintained. Parenchyma is diffusely hyperechoic. Several small anechoic cysts are noted. No mineral is noted.

Left kidney is normal in size (6.0 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 in size (6.5 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 (0.46 cm at cranial pole and 0.59 cm at caudal pole), shape and overall architecture, echogenicity and echotexture. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

Right adrenal gland is normal in size (0.67 cm at cranial pole and 0.55 cm at caudal pole), shape and overall architecture, echogenicity and echotexture. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

### *Spleen*

Spleen is subjectively normal in size (1.4 cm thick at the hilus) 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 moderately distended with anechoic bile as well as suspended and gravity dependent echogenic debris. The wall is smooth without visible thickening. There is no evidence of cystic or CBD dilation. There is no evidence of effusion or inflammation.

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### *Gastrointestinal*

The gastric wall is diffusely thick, measuring between 1.6 cm and 1.8 cm thick, characterized by a largely hypoechoic wall and loss of 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.

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### *Pancreas*

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*

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

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The gastric lymph nodes are enlarged with swollen irregular capsular contour and loss of normal length to width ratio (rounded in shape). Nodes are hypoechoic with loss of normal parenchymal detail.

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The mesenteric and medial iliac lymph nodes are mildly prominent in size with swollen capsular contour. Normal elongated shape (length to width ratio) is maintained. There is no loss of parenchymal detail.

Both testicles are visible without evident testicular pathology.

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## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

### Primary Findings

- The gastric wall thickening demonstrates characteristics of malignancy, i.e., loss of layering, making infiltrative neoplasia such as lymphoma versus carcinoma versus other a top differential, especially given the concurrent lymphadenopathy. Having said that, a benign, but aggressive, inflammatory or infectious disease, especially fungal disease, if appropriate geographically, especially in a young dog, can cause similar changes.

### Secondary Findings

- Benign prostatic hyperplasia with cysts- Prostatic findings are most consistent with Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH) and concurrent benign prostatic cysts. Active prostatitis cannot be ruled out. Infiltrative neoplasia cannot be ruled out but is considered less likely.

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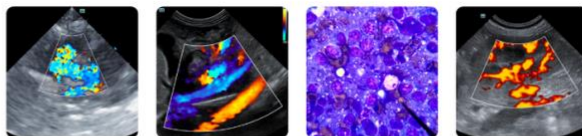
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- Mild gallbladder debris- Cholecystic debris is of unknown clinical significance. It can be seen with biliary stasis from fasting or illness. Cholecystic debris is not necessarily related to hepatobiliary disease. Echogenic bile is most commonly an 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.
- Mildly reactive mesenteric and medial iliac lymphadenopathy- infiltrative neoplastic disease cannot be ruled out but is considered less likely.

## INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

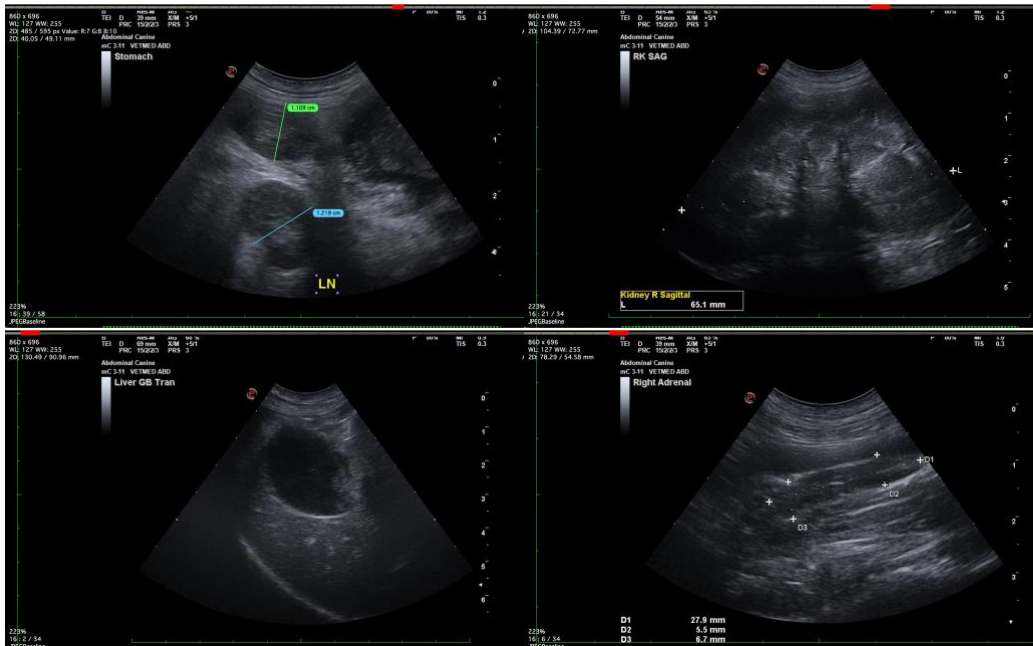
Three view thoracic radiographs are recommended for further assessment of cardio-pulmonary status as well as to further evaluate for any evidence of metastatic disease, if not recently evaluated.

As is reportedly already pending, fine needle aspirates of the stomach and adjacent lymph nodes are recommended if patient's coagulation status is appropriate.

Further diagnostic recommendations, i.e., further gastrointestinal work up, etc., are largely dependent on results of the above. In the meantime, supportive/symptomatic medical management of clinical signs is recommended, including anti-emetics, gastroprotectants (+/- sucralfate, especially with any history of hematemesis), an appetite stimulant and fluid therapy if indicated, etc.

Additionally, empirical deworming with a 5-day course of Panacur is recommended as is a full course of empirical Helicobacter triple therapy.

Finally, if tolerated, a transition in diet could be considered, based on trial-and-error response with some options to consider including a gastrointestinal biome diet vs a hydrolyzed protein diet (sometimes several trials with different brands are necessary) vs an easy to digest, bland or low-fat diet vs other.





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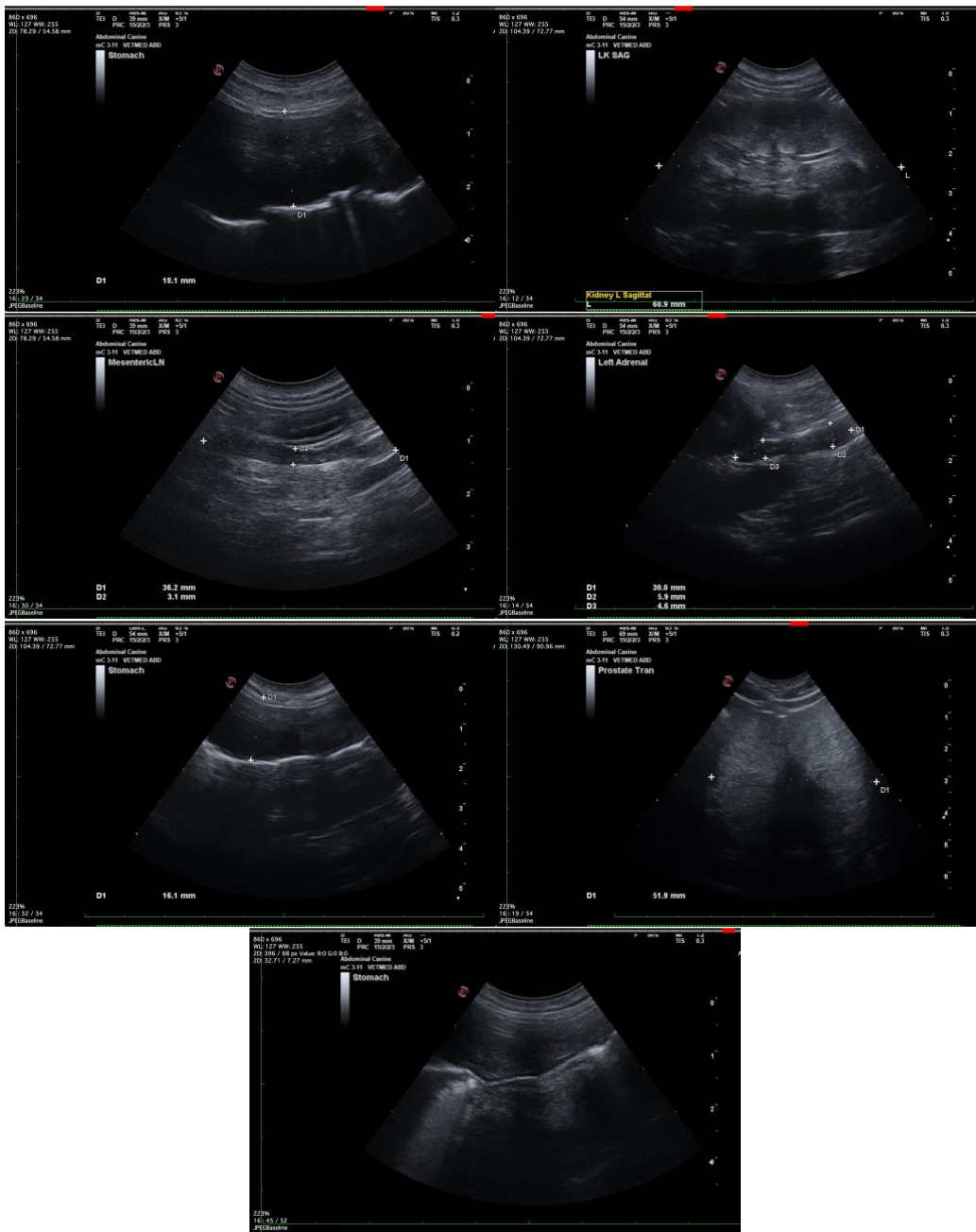
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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