

**DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

2/13/23

PATIENT

Ronin Reynolds

History: 1/9/23 - slightly elevated creatinine; recommend urinalysis. DM: 01-10-23 at 10:00a: Discussed this with owner and he will bring pet in for a sample or get a free catch sample. 1/12/23 - urine no infection but urine dilute (sG 1.015). Could be side effect of phenobarbital or could be hereditary kidney disease. Recommend either sonogram to further assess kidneys or switch to Keppra 1000 mg TID but \$\$\$\$. Discussed above with owner. He will consider which way they want to go.

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Canine

Current Medications: phenobarbital 97.2 mg @ 1.5 tabs bid (started in September 2022).

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.

Sedation: Patient sedated with Dexdomitor & Torbugesic.

Stat Report: Not requested.

Imaging Performed By: Andi Parkinson, BS, RDMS.

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Swiss Mtn.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**SEX**

Neutered Male

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.

AGE

8/31/19

Prostate is normal in size, echotexture and echogenicity for a neutered male.

WEIGHT

115.1 Pounds

Left kidney is normal is 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.

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Right kidney is normal is size (7.22 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.

HOSPITAL NAME

Parkville AH

Adrenal Glands

Adrenal glands are small (flattened contour). Corticomedullary structure is unremarkable. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal. The left adrenal gland measures 3.32 cm long x 0.43 cm at the cranial pole and 0.38 cm at the caudal pole. The right adrenal gland measures 2.48 cm long x 0.33 cm at the cranial pole and 0.6 cm at the caudal pole.

REFERRING VET

Dr. Mangini

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.

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

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Flat adrenal glands – 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.
- Reactive mesenteric lymph nodes – infiltrative neoplastic disease cannot be ruled out but is considered less likely.

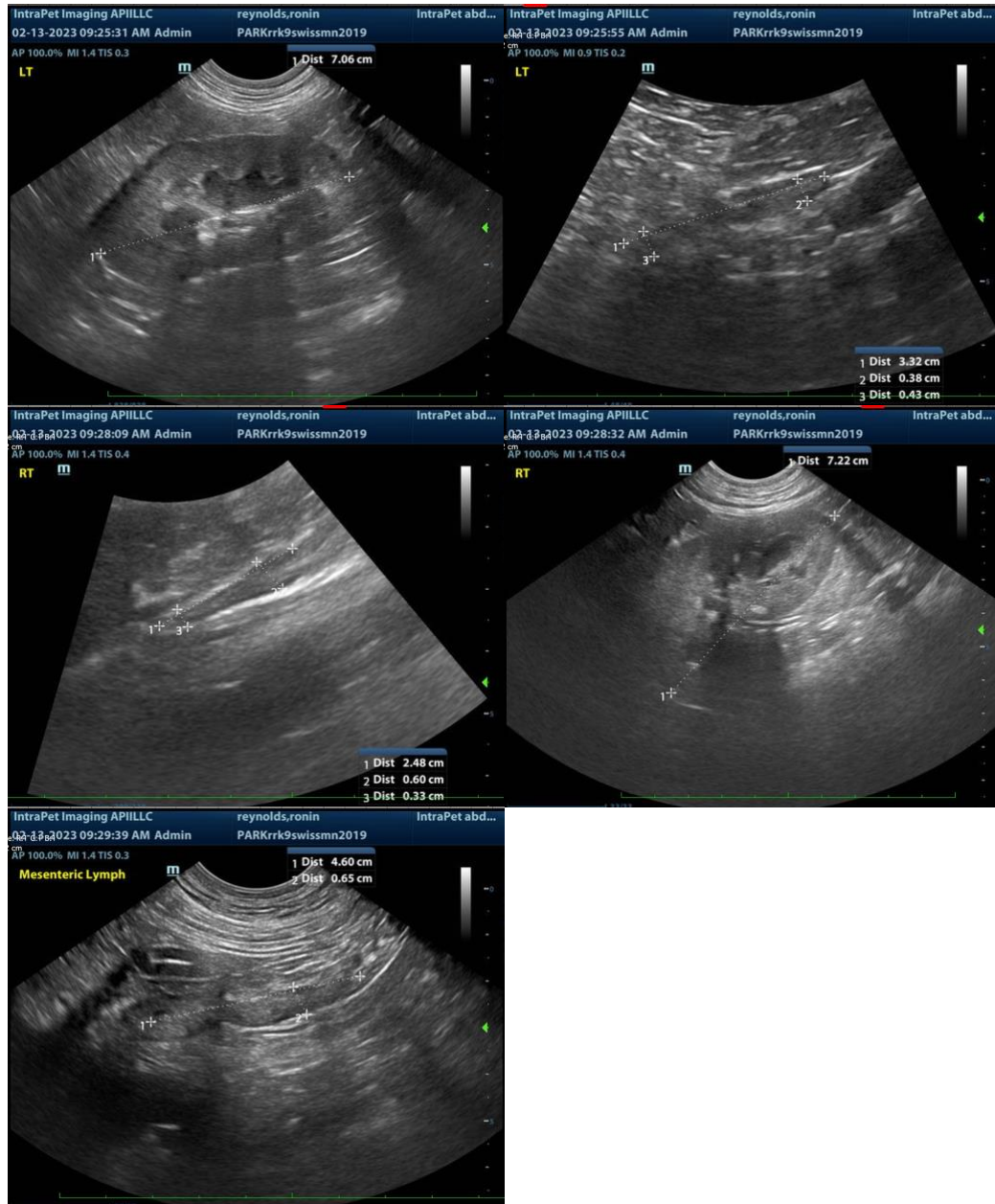
INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

A baseline cortisol is recommended. If baseline cortisol is less than 2, a full ACTH stimulation test is recommended to rule out hypoadrenocorticism.

A urine culture could be considered to rule out any urinary tract infection.

Pending results of the above, testing for Leptospirosis is warranted given the mildly increased creatinine if another underlying cause is not determined.

Incidentally, in this patient's history, a transition from Phenobarb to Keppra was mentioned, however, was potentially cost prohibitive. In my experience Keppra is much more affordable at Sam's Club or Costco and with good RX coupons. If these things haven't been tried, they may be helpful for this client.



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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