



## PATIENT

Twizzler Treamer

## SPECIES

Canine

## BREED

Coonhound

## SEX

FS

## AGE

15 months

## WEIGHT

42 lbs

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## PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

- Patient presented for inappetence and vomiting. Barium study inconclusive yesterday. Patient responding to symptomatic care overnight. BCS 1/9, MCS 1/3. Patient weighed 48lbs at adoption last month. Concern for duodenal changes and lymphadenopathy on AUS - FNAs taken today.

## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

### Urinary System

The 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.

The right kidney is normal is size (6.53 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 is size (6.78 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 (0.5 cm at cranial pole and 0.47 cm at caudal pole), shape and overall architecture, echogenicity and echotexture. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

The left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.7 cm at cranial pole and 0.7 cm at caudal pole), shape and overall architecture, echogenicity and echotexture. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

### Spleen

Spleen is subjectively large in size with normal smooth margins. Parenchyma is normal in echogenicity with a diffusely coarse/heterogenous echotexture. No discrete sizable focal nodules or masses are observed. 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.

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.

### Gastrointestinal

The visible stomach wall is normal in thickness and layering. The lumen of the stomach is markedly overdistended with echogenic non-shadowing luminal contents and gas consistent with normal



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ingesta. There is no evidence of obstruction or foreign material noted. Pyloric outflow tract appears patent.

In the right cranial abdomen, involving I believe at least part of the pylorus extending into the proximal duodenum to the level just medial to the right kidney, is a mildly heterogenous, hypoechoic thick wall loop of bowel ranging between 0.7 cm thick, and 1.4 cm thick with some loss of layering noted in the area. The remaining small bowel is 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 (< 0.2 cm) and layering. Contents are consistent with normal formed feces and gas.

### **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.

### **Free Abdomen**

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

Adjacent to the thick bowel, 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**

- The suspect bowel mass/bowel wall thickening could be secondary to a severe but benign infectious or inflammatory disease i.e. fungal disease versus other, although infiltrative neoplasia can't be ruled out without tissue sampling. Similarly, the adjacent lymphadenopathy could be a benign reactive process, or consistent with infiltrative neoplasia.
- Coarse splenomegaly – can be associated with congestion caused by sedation (if sedated) but can also be associated with diffuse infiltrative disease. Both benign conditions such as extramedullary hematopoiesis, lymphoid hyperplasia, as well as infiltrative neoplastic diseases such as round cell neoplasia should be considered.
- 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.
- The gastric distension indicates at least partial obstruction from the suspected thick pylorus/proximal small bowel.

## **INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

Fine needle aspirates of the thick walled bowel, adjacent lymph nodes +/- spleen are recommended if patient's coagulation status is appropriate and are reportedly already pending.



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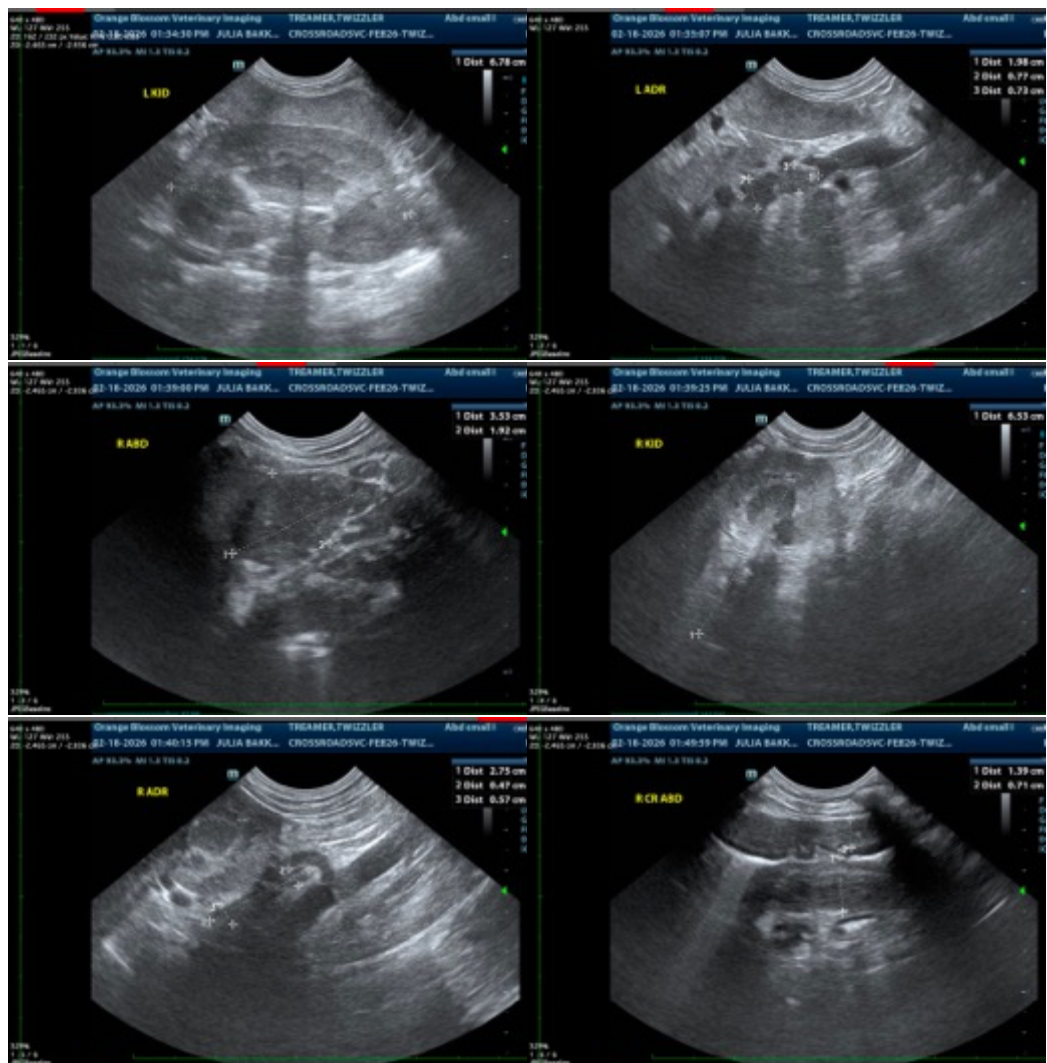
In the meantime, additionally, if not recently evaluated, a general metabolic health screen (CBC, chemistry panel with electrolytes and urinalysis) is recommended.

A routine fecal/giardia exam is recommended.

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.

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.

Other than supportive/symptomatic medical management of clinical signs, further treatment recommendations are largely dependent on results of the above.





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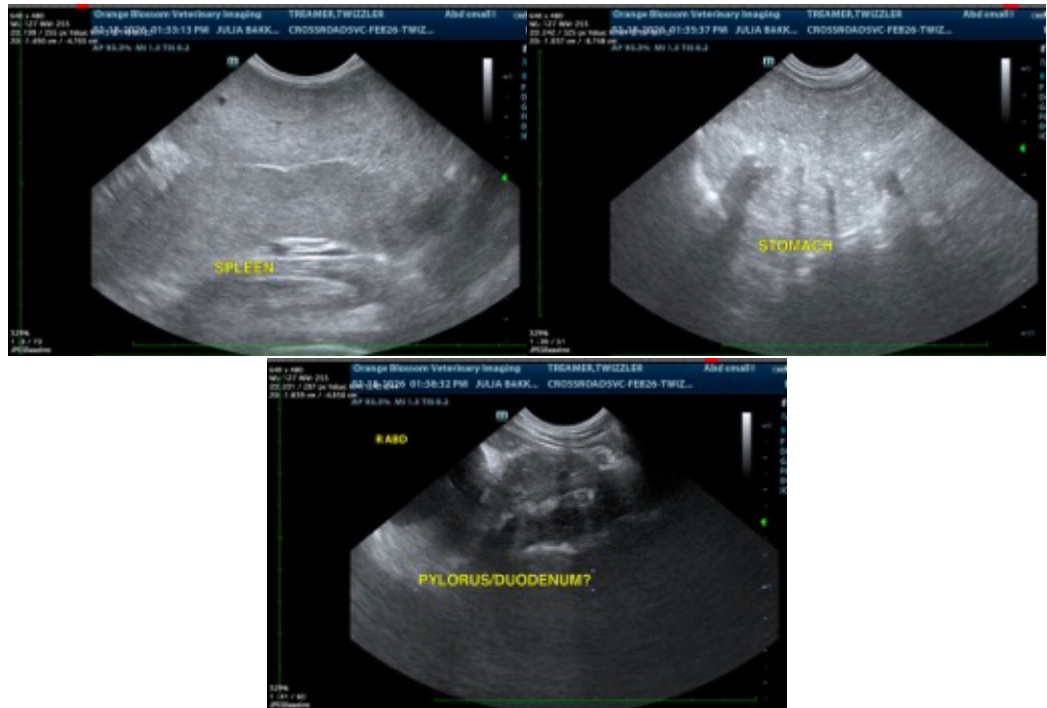
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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