

**DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

2/22/23

First time seeing pet- presented for decreased appetite for months, in past was very food motivated, now eats barely once a day. Only past medical history- Tore both CCLs, had bilateral TPLOs, fractured left ulna.

PATIENT

Dozer Muskin

Current Medications: None.

Lab Results: AMYL 1546 U/L 337 – 1469, Lipase >1800 U/L 0 - 250 , SPEC cPL 1447 ug/L 0 - 200 : : | HIGH

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.

SPECIES

Canine

Sedation: Butorphanol (10 mg/ml) 1 ml IV. Will require deeper sedation if further imaging recommended.

Stat Report: Not requested.

BREED

Boxer X

Imaging Performed By: Rachel Brillhart, RDMS.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**SEX**

Neutered Male

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.

AGE

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

WEIGHT

88.8 Pounds

The right kidney is normal in size (5.66 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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The left kidney is normal in size (6.63 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

Frederick Road VH

Adrenal Glands

The right adrenal gland is normal in size (3.65 cm long x 0.94 cm at the cranial pole and 0.80 cm at the caudal pole), shape and contour. Corticomedullary structure is unremarkable. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

REFERRING VET

Dr. Beyer

The left adrenal gland is normal in size (2.95 cm long x 0.70 cm at the cranial pole and 0.83 cm at the caudal pole), shape and contour. Corticomedullary structure is unremarkable. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

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Spleen

Spleen is subjectively large in size with a mildly swollen but smooth capsule. Parenchyma is normal and homogenous in echogenicity and echotexture. No 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.

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 and layering. The lumen of the stomach is mildly distended with very echogenic reverberation artifact from intraluminal gas. There is no evidence of obstruction, foreign material or infiltrative disease; however, complete visualization of far wall is partially inhibited by gas. Pyloric outflow tract appears patent.

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.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- **Hypersplenism** – 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.
- Otherwise, this is a relatively unremarkable/normal abdomen without an ultrasonographically visible cause for the patient's reported decreased appetite.

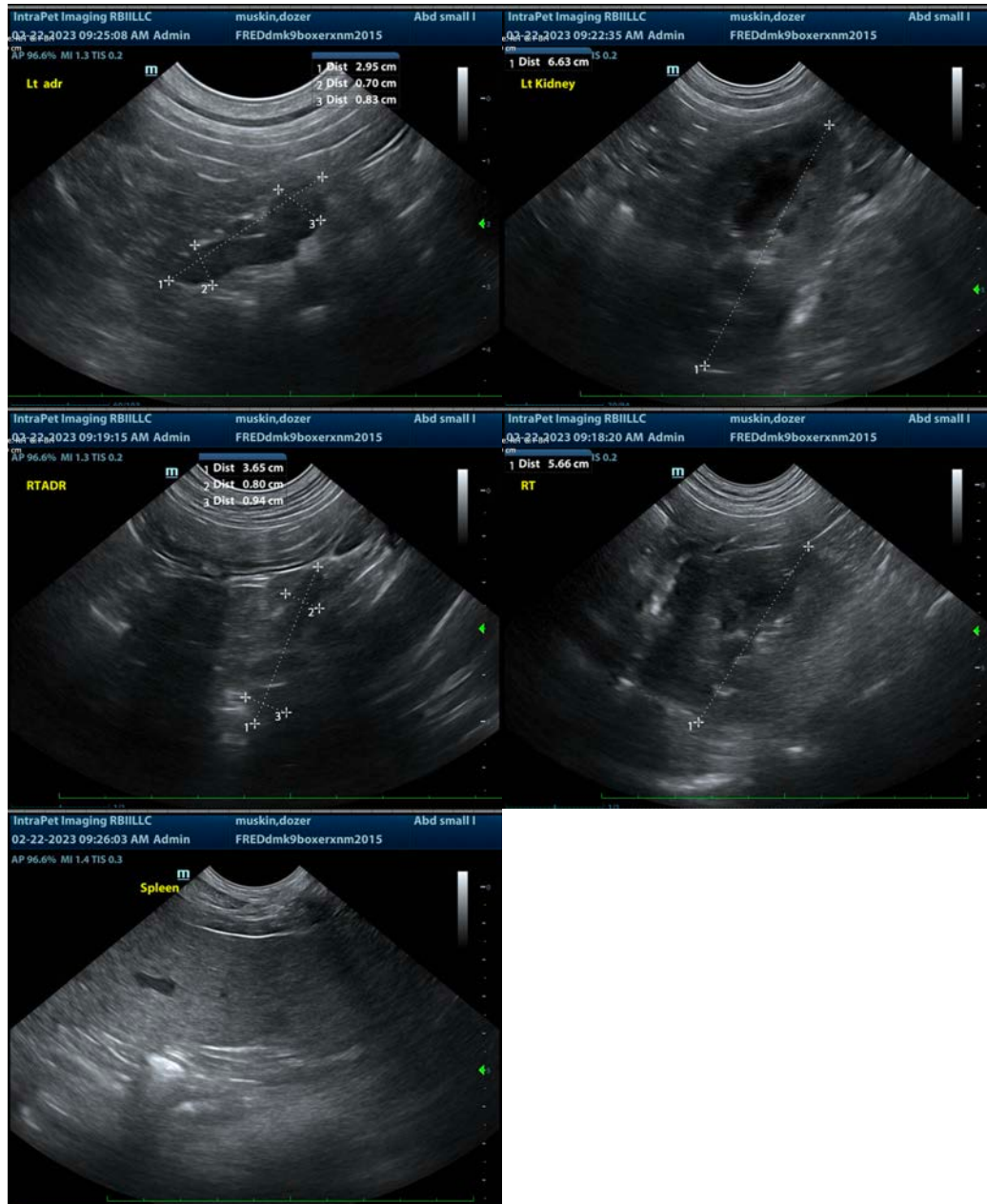
INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

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

A 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.

While the appearance of the spleen trends towards benign, a fine needle aspirate of the spleen could be considered if patient's coagulation status is appropriate. In the meantime, supportive/symptomatic medical management of possible gastritis, microulceration, subclinical nausea, etc. is recommended in the form of antiemetic therapy, gastroprotectants, empirical deworming with a 5-day course of Panacur, and appetite stimulant. When and if the patient begins eating again, a transition in diet to a low-fat diet could be considered. However, this likely isn't necessary if clinical signs resolve.

Additionally, evaluation for other causes of decreased appetite including behavioral or stress components, dental or oral disease, pain elsewhere, central nervous system disease, etc. is recommended.



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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