



## PATIENT

Snow Cabrera

## SPECIES

Canine

## BREED

Chinese Crested Dog

## SEX

Intact Male

## AGE

10 Years

## WEIGHT

10.2 Pounds

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Dr. Luis Ramos

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## PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

- Px presented as a referral for an abdominal ultrasound due to Hx of lethargy, collapse, and increased respiratory rate
- Px presented to rDVM on 2/23/26 with anorexia, lethargy, and a dry cough
- Px received a blood transfusion due to severe anemia
- Dx with IMHA and Heartworms
- rDVM auscultated a heart murmur and noticed cardiomegaly on thoracic radiographs
- Owner reported an increased respiratory rate so we recommended a dual study to verify the Px's cardiovascular status
- BP were taken and the results were the following: Sys - 179, Dia - 126, MAP - 136, HR - 77
- Px is currently taking the following Mx: Pimobendan (1.25mg), Famotidine (10mg), Dexamethasone inj (2mg/mL), Convenia inj., Cerenia inj., Entyce (30mg/mL), Prednisone (10mg)
- Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Bloodwork and Radiographs attached below for your reference

## 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 normal in size (2.5 cm wide transverse view) for an intact male. Parenchyma is diffusely homogenous and relatively hyperechoic. Normal distinct margins and symmetrical bilobed shape are maintained.

The testicles are visualized without evident testicular pathology.

Left kidney is normal in 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.

Right kidney is normal in size (4.53 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.

### *Adrenal Glands*

Left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.51 cm at cranial pole and 0.45 cm at caudal pole), shape and overall architecture, echogenicity and echotexture. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.



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Right adrenal gland is normal in size (0.6 cm at cranial pole and 0.51 cm at caudal pole), 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 enlarged with mildly irregular margins. Parenchyma is mildly heterogenous characterized by multiple poorly defined hypoechoic nodules within otherwise hyperechoic liver parenchyma. Subjectively, veins appear mildly distended.

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 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 (< 0.2 cm) and layering. Contents are consistent with normal formed feces and gas.

### *Pancreas*

Pancreas is prominent (enlarged) in size and mildly irregular in shape with a slightly undulating contour. Parenchyma is coarse in echotexture and heterogenous to hypoechoic in echogenicity.

### *Free Abdomen*

A scant/trace amount of anechoic free fluid is noted within the abdominal images.

There is no apparent pathologic lymphadenopathy noted in these images.

## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Mildly heterogenous liver- These changes are most consistent with benign processes such as nodular hyperplasia, steroid (vacuolar) hepatopathy, extramedullary hematopoiesis or possibly chronic inflammatory disease and less commonly infiltrative round cell or metastatic neoplasia.
- 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



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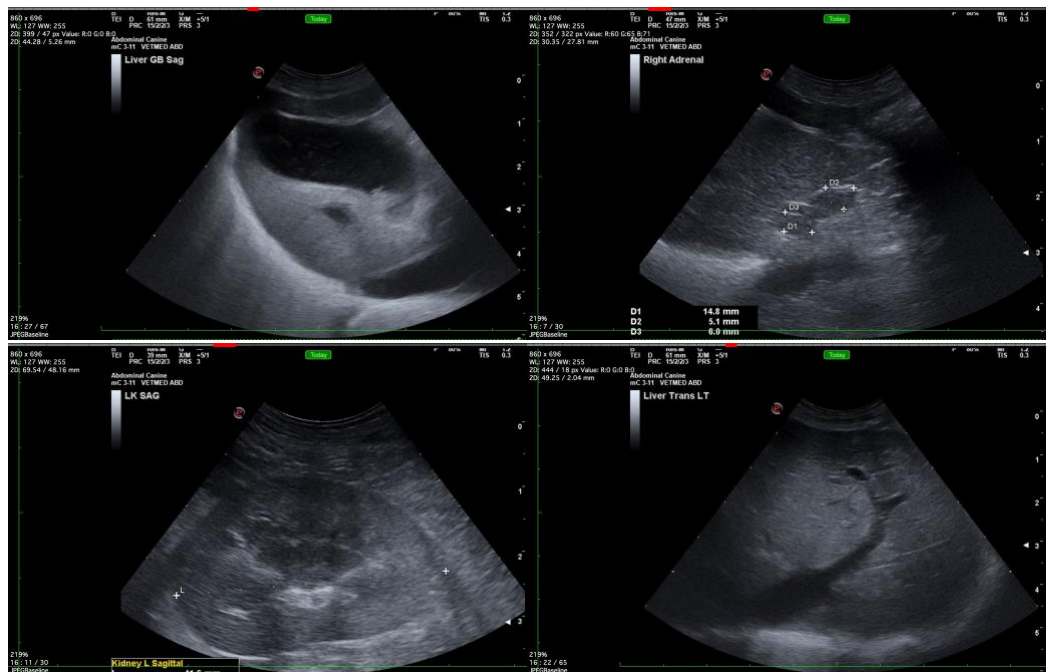
abdominal discomfort and/or laboratory changes such as increased ALP and/or increased Tbili.

- Chronic low grade smoldering pancreatitis can't be ruled out and should be suspected in the face of appropriate clinical signs.
- A mild amount of free fluid is of unknown origin. Differentials (unless already ruled out) could include increased hydrostatic pressure (cardiac disease and/or vascular or lymph blockage), decreased oncotic pressure (low albumin), vasculitis, paraneoplastic fluid, rupture/leakage of/from an organ (GI, GB, UB, other), blood (hemoabdomen), other.

**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

There is not a definitive ultrasonographically visible intraabdominal explanation for patient's reported anemia. Recommendations include ruling out sources of hemorrhage outside the abdomen and/or within the gastrointestinal tract, which may not be visible ultrasonographically, as well as looking for evidence of possible hemolysis that could be autoimmune in origin, secondary to underlying infectious, neoplastic, and/or other inflammatory disease, bone marrow disease, etc.

Additionally, a definitive cause of the free fluid is not noted, but given patient's cardiac history, as is reportedly already in place, further cardiac evaluation is the next recommended step.





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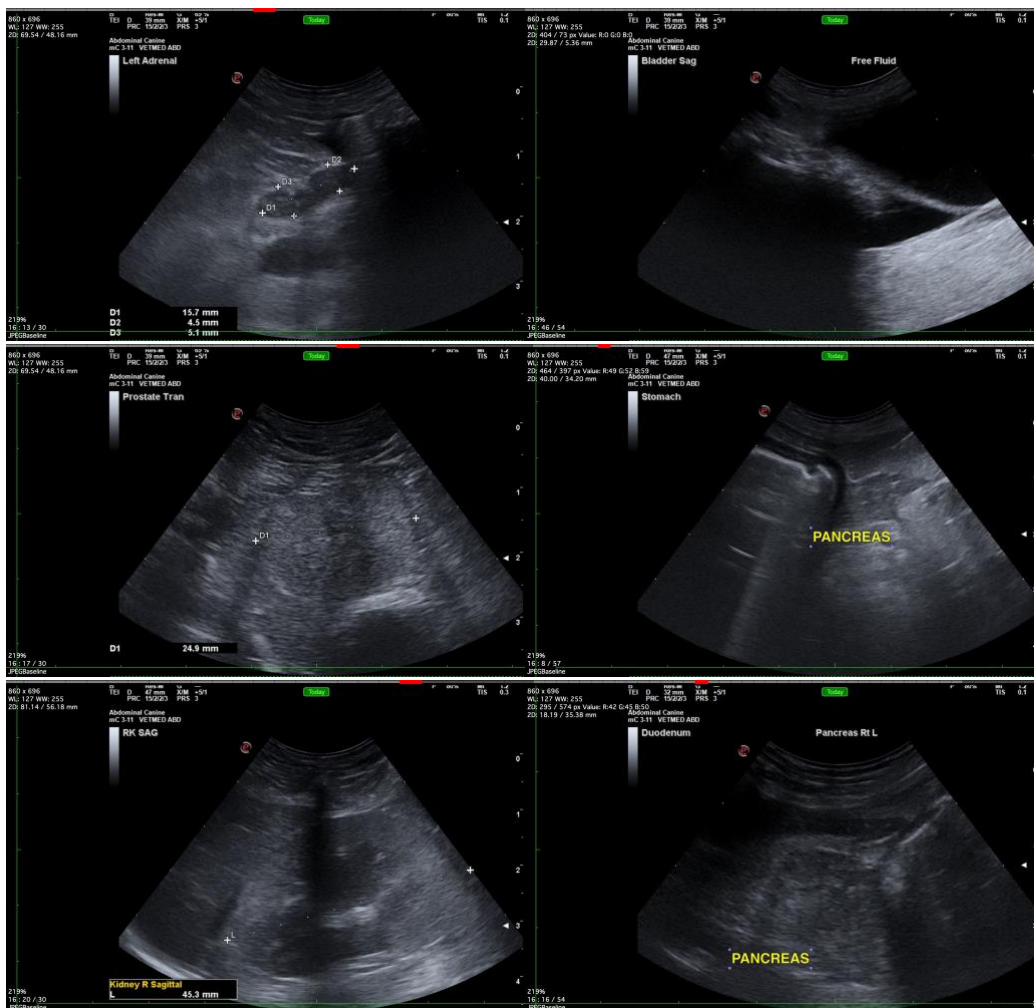
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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