

PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Magnum Taylor

Clinical Exam Findings: - acutely recumbent, tachycardia, arrhythmia, tachypneic - initially distended abdomen - vomiting - 41 mg/kg dose chocolate ingestion 12 hours previously Current Medications lidocaine, propranolol, methadone, IVF

SPECIES

Canine

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: - elevated lactate - hyperglycemia - creatinine and ALT require dilution, pending - elevated Tbili urine is dark brown in color.

BREED

Mastiff X

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

SEX

Neutered Male

Urinary bladder is only mildly distended (empty). Visible contents are anechoic. Urinary bladder wall is unable to be fully assessed for pathology without further distension. No visible masses or cystoliths are observed. The trigone and visible pelvic urethra are normal thickness with a smooth mucosal surface. If there are urinary signs and/or concern for urinary bladder pathology, reassessment after complete filling is recommended.

AGE

10 Years

The area of the prostate is examined without evident prostatic pathology.

WEIGHT

46 kg

The right kidney is normal in size (7.01 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 (7.28 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

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The right adrenal gland is normal in size (3.4 cm long x 2.23 cm at the cranial pole and 0.64 cm at the caudal pole), shape and contour. Corticomedullary structure is unremarkable. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

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The left adrenal gland is normal in size (2.52 cm long x 0.65 cm at the cranial pole and 0.62 cm at the caudal pole), shape and contour. Corticomedullary structure is unremarkable. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

Spleen

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The 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

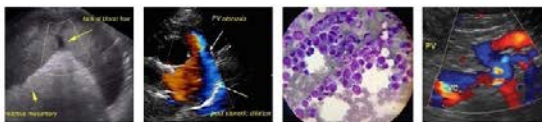
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The liver is subjectively normal in size with normal smooth curvilinear peripheral contour. Parenchyma is appropriately hypoechoic to the spleen in echogenicity and appropriately mildly coarse and homogenous in echotexture. No focal lesions are observed. 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



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The stomach wall is normal in thickness (canine < 0.5 cm and feline < 0.4 cm) and 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 (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.

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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 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.

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Free Abdomen

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There is no evidence of free peritoneal effusion noted in these images.

There is no apparent lymphadenopathy noted in these images.

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Relatively unremarkable/normal abdomen

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

If not recently evaluated, further evaluation of this patient's azotemia for pre- versus post-renal azotemia is recommended with a urinalysis and, if indicated based on urinalysis results, urine culture. If protein is present in an otherwise quiet sediment, protein quantification with a urine protein to creatinine ratio is recommended.

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Chocolate toxicity alone may or may not be responsible for the hematologic abnormalities, but it is a little bit atypical. Therefore, given the kidney and liver involvement, testing for Leptospirosis is also recommended.

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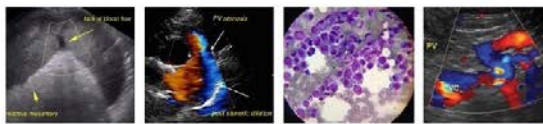
There is no ultrasonographic evidence of intra- or post-hepatic cholestasis, although that doesn't rule it out. If not recently evaluated, patient's hematocrit should be evaluated to help further investigate possible pre-hepatic cholestasis/hemolysis resulting in the reported increased total bilirubin. In the meantime, consultation with poison control center regarding this dose of specific chocolate ingestion and recommended supportive therapies should be considered if not already evaluated. Consultation with a cardiologist may also be helpful.

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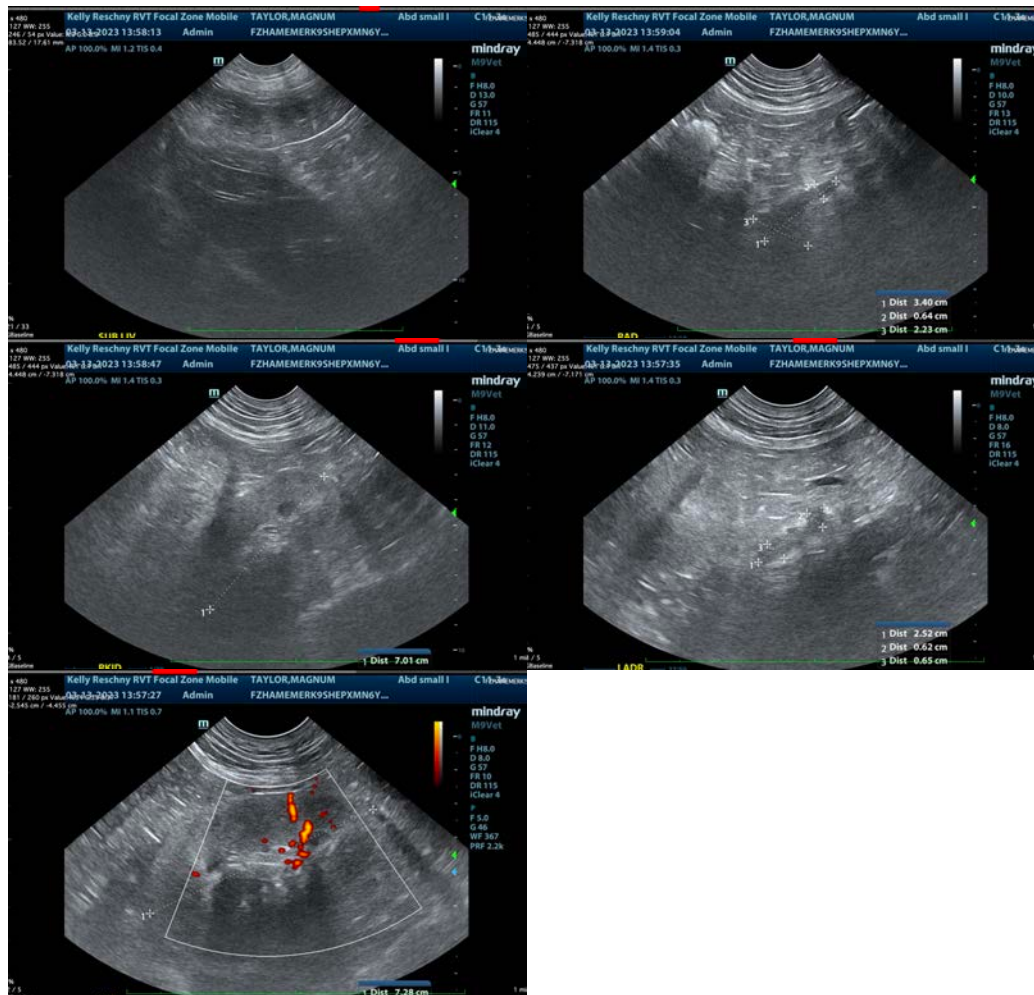
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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