



**PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

**Buck Sutton**  
 Had a bowel movement that was mucousy and since then has been straining to pass BMs but is nonproductive. Very gassy on abdominal palpation. O reports a lot of burping at home, and the burps have a foul odor, also hearing a lot of gas from bowels. No vomiting, quieter than usual and less interested in food.

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Labrador Retriever

Current meds: Metronidazole and Sulcrate.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Please see attached lab results and radiographs

**SEX**

Intact Male

**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.

**AGE**

7.5 years

Kidneys are irregular and diffusely echogenic with decreased corticomedullary distinction and poor visualization of internal architecture. There is no pyelectasia noted and no mineral is observed. Left kidney is normal in size measuring 6.89 cm. Right kidney is small/normal in size measuring 5.8 cm.

**WEIGHT**

83.8 lbs

**Reproductive System**

Prostate is symmetrically enlarged (6.1 cm wide transverse view) with smooth margins that are well differentiated from surrounding tissue. Normal bilobed shape is maintained. Parenchyma is heterogenous with scattered hyperechoic foci present. No mineral or cysts are noted.

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Both testicles are visible without evident testicular pathology.

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**Adrenal Glands**

The right adrenal gland is normal in size (1.4 cm at cranial pole and 0.66 cm at caudal pole), shape and overall architecture, echogenicity and echotexture. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

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The left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.67 cm at cranial pole and 0.58 cm at caudal pole), shape and overall architecture, echogenicity and echotexture. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

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**Spleen**

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**

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.

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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 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.

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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.

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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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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.

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**Free Abdomen**

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

Medial iliac 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.

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**PRIMARY FINDINGS**

- Subtle/mild chronic kidney disease changes most visibly significant in the right kidney.
- Moderately reactive medial iliac lymph nodes – infiltrative neoplastic disease cannot be ruled out but is considered less likely.

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**SECONDARY FINDINGS**

- Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia – Prostatic findings are most consistent with Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH) and hyperechoic foci consistent with increased vascularity and fibrosis often associated with BPH. Active prostatitis cannot be ruled out. Infiltrative neoplasia cannot be ruled out but is considered less likely.

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Urinalysis and, if indicated based on urinalysis results, urine culture is recommended. If protein is present in an otherwise quiet sediment, protein quantification with a urine protein to creatinine ration is recommended.

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Especially given the hypoglycemia, a baseline cortisol is recommended. If baseline cortisol is less than 2, a full ACTH stimulation test is recommended to rule out hypoadrenocorticism.

A blood pressure is recommended if not recently evaluated.



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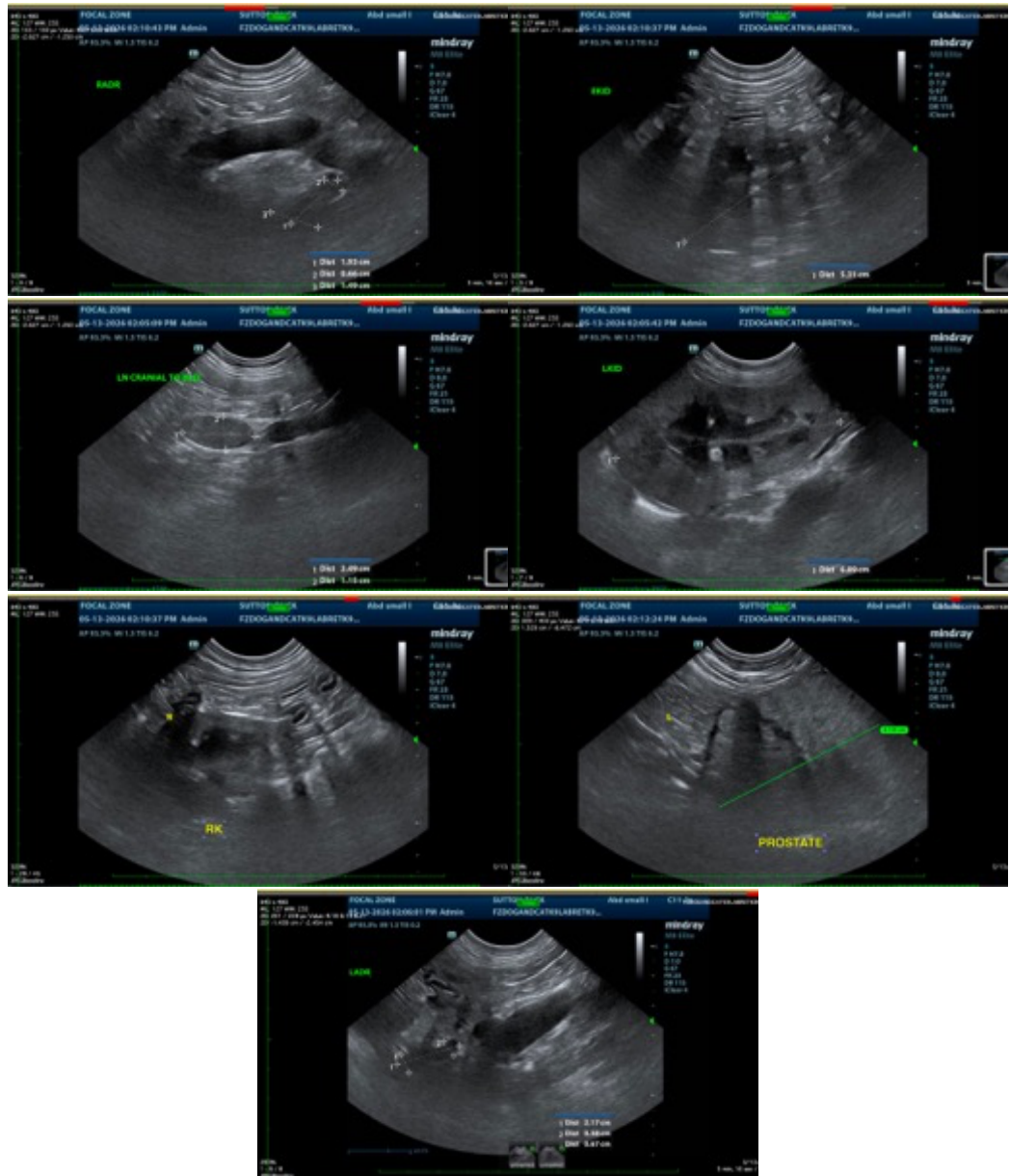
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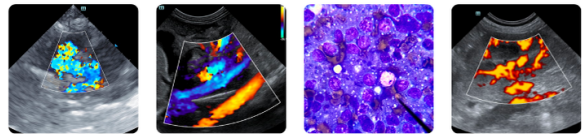
Unless hypoadrenocorticism is diagnosed, if the azotemia is determined to be renal versus pre-renal/dehydration or other underlying metabolic disease, testing for leptospirosis could be considered.

Further diagnostic and other than supportive/symptomatic medical management of clinical signs, therapeutics are largely dependent on results of above.



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



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can be of any further assistance please contact me.

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