


PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Cressis Bowen clinically doing well, spleen palpates large

SPECIES ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN
Canine Urinary System

Canine

The 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.

BREED

Lab X

SEX

Spayed Female

The right kidney is normal in size (5.85 cm) and shape with smooth peripheral margination. A normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio is maintained. The medulla and cortices are uniform in texture with some mild increased echogenicity and mild loss of corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, mineral or infarcts observed.

AGE

13 Years

The left kidney is normal in size (5.69 cm) and shape with smooth peripheral margination. A normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio is maintained. The medulla and cortices are uniform in texture with some mild increased echogenicity and mild loss of corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, mineral or infarcts observed.

WEIGHT

35 Pounds

Adrenal Glands

The right adrenal gland is normal in size (2.04 cm long x 1.1 cm at the cranial pole and 0.91 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 0.71 cm at the cranial pole and 0.81 cm at the caudal pole), shape and contour. A small, non-capsule expanding hyperechoic nodule is noted in the cranial pole of the left adrenal gland. Corticomedullary structure is unremarkable. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

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Spleen

Spleen is subjectively enlarged in size with rounded margins but intact capsule. Parenchyma is homogeneously coarse/mottled in echotexture and normal to hypoechoic in echogenicity. In the mid body of the spleen, there is an isoechoic, homogeneous area that appears slightly rounded and more discrete than the rest of the spleen, resulting in a very mild capsular bulge. 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.

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Gastrointestinal

The stomach wall is normal in thickness (canine < 0.5 cm and feline < 0.4 cm) and layering. The lumen of the stomach is mildly distended with echogenic non-shadowing luminal contents and gas consistent



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SEX	<i>Pancreas</i> 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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AGE	<i>Free Abdomen</i> 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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WEIGHT	PRIMARY FINDINGS
35 Pounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coarse splenomegaly with a possible emerging nodule/mass mid body – 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.
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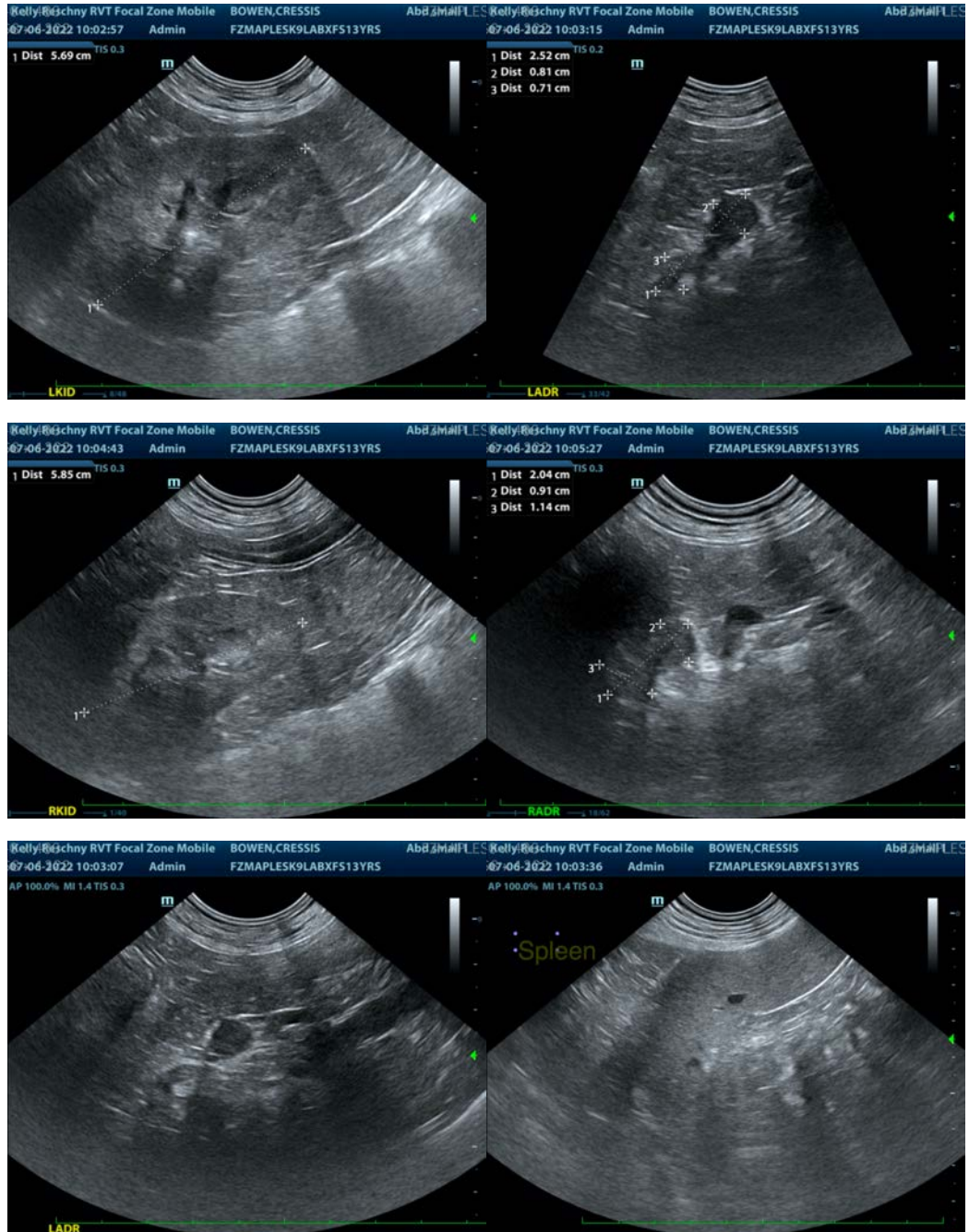
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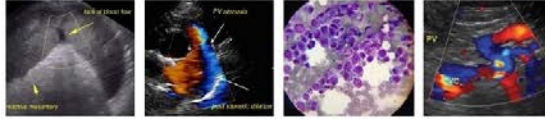
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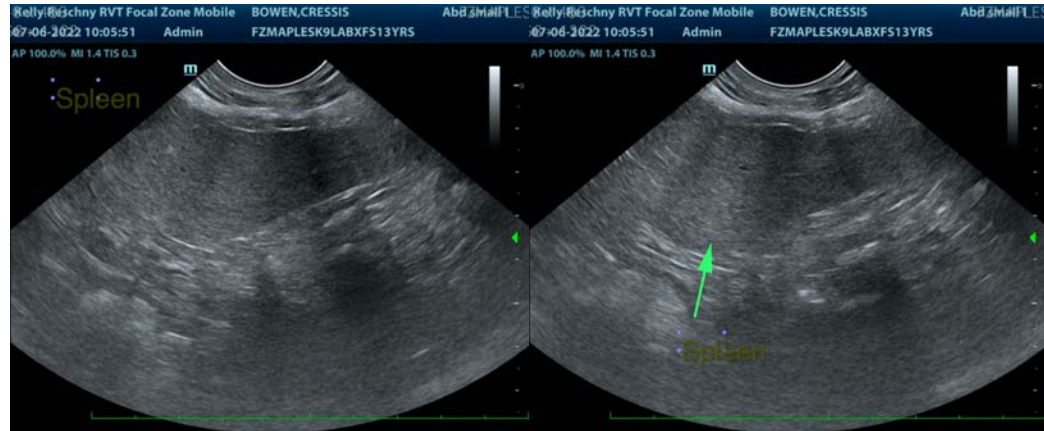
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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