

**DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

8/1/23

Dog has had a long standing, chronic GI issue. The past few weeks the dog has been dragging its rear, straining to have BM and only passing ribbon like stool. Dog exhibiting decline in thirst and appetite as well. History of liver disease a few years ago. Physical examination- lean body condition with no abnormal findings on abdominal palpation

PATIENT

Kricket Sines

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

JRT

SEX

Neutered Male

AGE

10/1/09

WEIGHT

8.8 Pounds

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DACVIM**HOSPITAL NAME**

Fork Vet Hospital

REFERRING VET

Dr. Doherty

INVOICE

44545

Current Medications: Tylosin 50 mg QD, Cerenia 16 mg - 1/2 tablet QD (recently completed the course of medication)

Lab Results: 7/4/2023: BUN 63 (9-31), SDMA 15 (0-14), Amylase 4915 (337-1469)

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: 6/20/22 & 1/29/21. See attached.

Sedation: Not required to complete full diagnostic ultrasound.

Stat Report: Not requested.

Imaging Performed By: Rachel Brillhart, RDMS.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**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.

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

Kidneys are overall normal in size 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 cortical echogenicity and mild loss of corticomedullary distinction, expected in this age patient. There is no evidence of pyelectasia or infarcts observed. Punctate non-obstructive nephroliths noted bilaterally. The left kidney measured 3.6 cm. The right kidney measured 3.47 cm.

Adrenal Glands

The right adrenal gland is normal in size (0.72 cm at the cranial pole and 0.58 cm at the caudal pole), shape and contour. Corticomedullary structure is unremarkable. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

The left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.63 cm at the cranial pole and 0.67 cm at the caudal pole), shape and contour. Corticomedullary structure is unremarkable. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

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.

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 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.

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 observed pancreas appears appropriately isoechoic to surrounding omental fat. The capsule is mildly irregular in shape. Parenchyma is mildly heterogenous and coarse. 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.

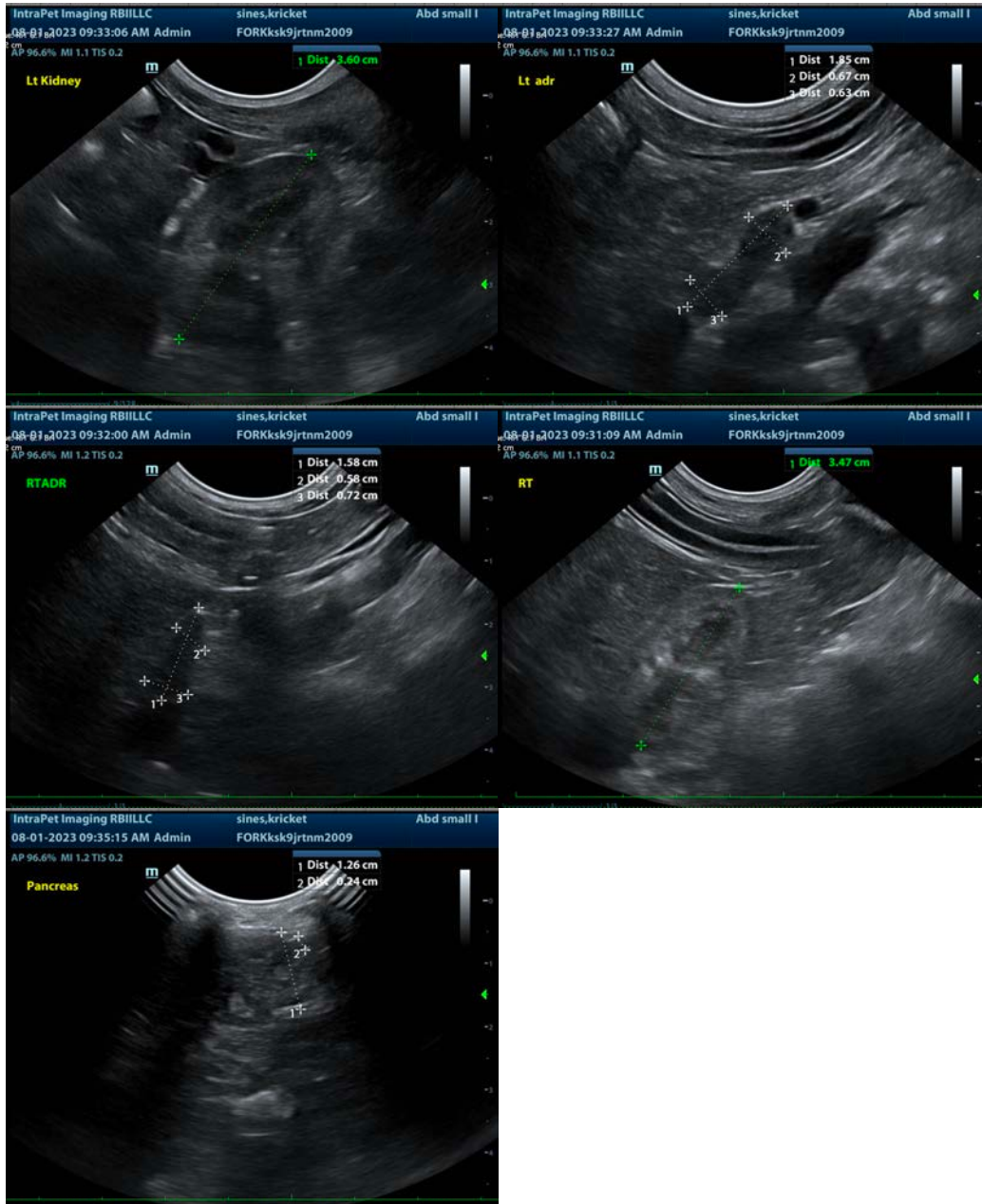
ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Pancreatic age-related remodeling – Mild irregularities are consistent with benign age-related change. Low-grade smoldering chronic pancreatitis cannot be ruled out and should be suspected in the face of appropriate clinical signs.
- Age related kidney changes with non-obstructive nephrolithiasis bilaterally.
- Overall, this is a generally static exam from the exam one year ago. There is no evidence of the previously mentioned splenic nodule in these images at this time.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Given the reported laboratory changes, if not recently evaluated, a urinalysis and, if indicated based on urinalysis results, urine culture are recommended. If protein is present in an otherwise quiet sediment, protein quantification with a urine protein to creatinine ration is recommended.

Given the concurrently reported pelvic end weakness, straining to defecate and ribbon-like stools could potentially be related to a spinal versus a primary gastrointestinal lesion, and further neurologic and/or even orthopedic evaluation could be considered.



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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