



**PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Mello Bernagozzi

P started to have difficulty passing urine on 7/25. P is a neutered male. Abdominal radiographs show mass effect in the region of the prostate cranially displacing the urinary bladder with partial mineralization of the area of the prostate. Cytology of prostate is PENDING. In-house spun cytology of urine from cysto showed few rbc, transitional cells, and epithelial cells.

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Shih Tzu

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Mild hemoconcentration. No significant abnormalities. See attached.

**SEX**

Neutered Male

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**Urinary System**

**AGE**

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Urinary bladder is adequately distended. It has a normal uniform wall thickness. Contents include primarily anechoic fluid with occasional echogenic non-shadowing debris, most consistent with exfoliated cells, mucous and/or small blood clots. Both sterile inflammation as well as urinary tract infection can also present with echogenic debris. No masses or cystoliths are observed. The trigone and visible pelvic urethra are normal in thickness with a smooth mucosal surface.

**WEIGHT**

17 Pounds

The prostate is enlarged, measuring 3.5 cm x 2.2 cm in size with a mildly asymmetrical shape and bilobed appearance. Differentiation from surrounding tissue is largely intact. However, parenchyma is diffusely coarse and heterogeneous, and multifocal mineral densities are noted within the parenchyma.

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The right kidney is normal in size (4.07 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.

The left kidney is normal in size (4.22 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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**Adrenal Glands**

**HOSPITAL NAME**

Orange Blossom VI

The right adrenal gland is normal in size (0.30 cm at the cranial pole and 0.42 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 (0.26 cm at the cranial pole and 0.49 cm at the caudal pole), shape and contour. Corticomedullary structure is unremarkable. 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



<b>PATIENT</b>	homogenous in echotexture. No focal lesions are observed. Visible vasculature and biliary tree appear normal without distension or congestion.
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<b>SPECIES</b>	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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<b>BREED</b>	<b><i>Gastrointestinal</i></b>
Shih Tzu	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.
<b>SEX</b>	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.
Neutered Male	
<b>AGE</b>	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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<b>WEIGHT</b>	<b><i>Pancreas</i></b>
17 Pounds	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.
<b>INTERPRETED BY</b>	<b><i>Free Abdomen</i></b>
Beth Johnson, DVM DACVIM	There is no evidence of free peritoneal effusion noted in these images.
	There is no apparent lymphadenopathy noted in these images.
<b>IMAGING PERFORMED BY</b>	<b>ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS</b>
Dr. Julia Bakker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mineralized prostate mass – concerning for infiltrative neoplasia such as carcinoma versus other. A benign inflammatory, possibly infectious cystitis is possible, but considered less likely as the sole contributing pathology, especially given the mineralization.</li> </ul>
<b>HOSPITAL NAME</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urinary bladder debris.</li> </ul>
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<b>REFERRING VET</b>	<b><u>INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS &amp; FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS</u></b>
Dr. Kristina Ramer	Three view thoracic radiographs are recommended for further assessment of cardio-pulmonary status as well as to further evaluate for any evidence of metastatic disease, if not recently evaluated.
<b>INVOICE</b>	If cytology results are not diagnostic, submission of urine to look for BRAF gene mutation, which is associated with urinary bladder/prostate cancer, could be considered.
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<b>DATE</b>	In the meantime, empirical therapy with a broad-spectrum antibiotic or ideally an antibiotic based on culture and sensitivity results, as well as an anti-inflammatory (unless otherwise contraindicated based on patient comorbidities) may begin to help alleviate clinical signs.
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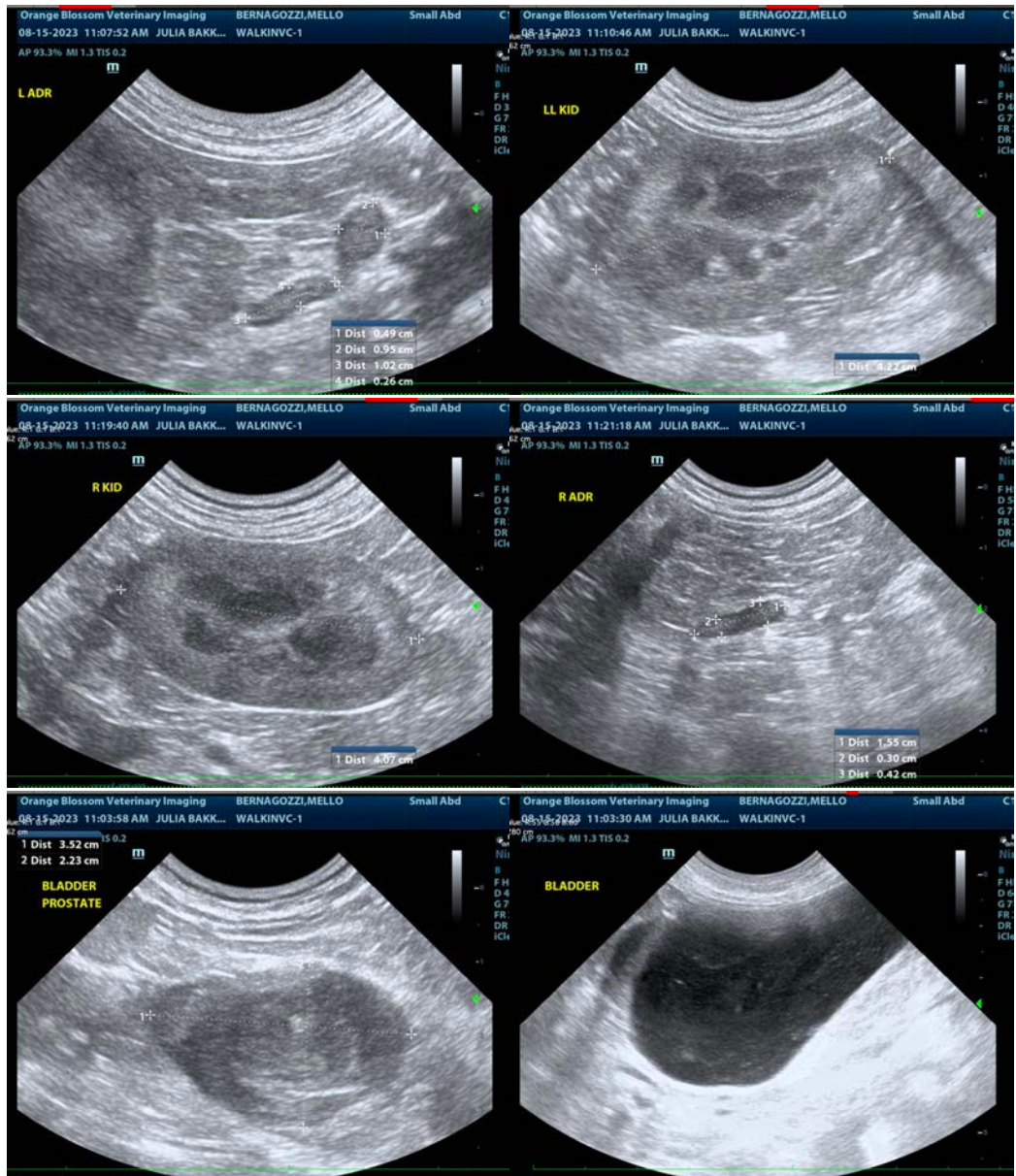
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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