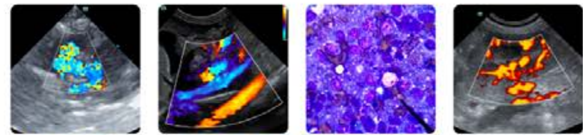

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Otto Spallacci

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Lab x

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Neutered Male

AGE

9 Years

WEIGHT

90 lbs

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Has a history of suspected pancreatitis several years ago, where he responded well to symptomatic treatment and a low fat diet.

Early November, his owner gave him Metacam for three days, and noticed the next morning that his stomach was gurgling and his appetite was decreased. His first bowel movement was normal, but the second one was soft and very mucous filled with specs of bright red blood

Early December: - omeprazole (and pepcid when given prior to having omeprazole dispensed) would only work for 2 days then seemed to stop working for his "gurgling"

Otto's appetite is directly to the presence of gurgling -> no gurgling (omeprazole working) = great appetite! BMs are still soft, but no blood present

Current Medications - Cisapride 10 mg TID, Omeprazole 40 mg SID, Fortiflora

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Labs attached

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

The urinary bladder, trigone, and visible pelvic urethra were of normal thickness. The ureters were not visible which is normal. There was normal wall layering with no masses, uroliths or abnormal thickening visualized. Urine was anechoic. No evidence of inflammatory or neoplastic changes were noted.

The left kidney has a smooth capsule and with mild hazing of corticomedullary definition. No evidence of pelvic dilation was present. Hyperechoic, shadowing foci present in renal parenchyma and calyces consistent with nephrocalcinosis. Left kidney measures 6.61 cm.

Visualization of the right kidney is limited by intracostal location and overlying gas-filled GI tract. It appears to be of normal shape, size and position with no obvious parenchymal lesions. Right kidney measures 8.36 cm.

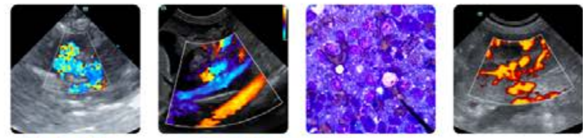
Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is visualized and recognized as having normal shape, size, position and echogenicity for this breed and age. The visible phrenic vasculature was unremarkable. Left measures 2.51 cm in length x 0.79 cm at the caudal pole and 0.86 cm at the cranial pole.

The right adrenal gland visualized and measured on still images only. Resolution is inadequate to assess glandular detail or confirm measurement. Reported right measurements are 2.6 cm in length x 1.28 cm at the caudal pole and 2.24 cm at the cranial pole.

Spleen

The spleen was normal with age appropriate homogeneous parenchyma and a smooth capsule with normal splenic vasculature with no signs of congestion or thrombosis. No sonographic evidence of acute or chronic inflammatory, neoplastic, or infarct changes were noted.



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Liver

The liver is subjectively normal in size with normal contours and structure. There is age appropriate echogenicity and echotexture. No overt structural evidence of inflammatory, infiltrative or regenerative pathology is evident. Vascular and biliary tracts are of normal volume with no evidence of congestion.

Gall bladder is moderately distended with normal wall thickness and anechoic contents. Common bile duct is non-distended and tapers normally.

Gastrointestinal

The stomach contains minimal luminal contents. It measures at a normal thickness of with some variability due to the presence of rugal folds. The distinction of the gastric wall layers is adequate. No masses or focal lesions were observed.

The visualized areas of duodenum, jejunum and ileum have a relatively uniform diameter with minimal fluid distension. Wall thickness is normal. Bowel loops follow a curvilinear path with distinct wall layering maintaining the typical 1:3 muscularis:mucosa layer ratio. There were no focal lesions consistent with obstruction or a mass effect observed.

Sections of colon are visualized with formed fecal material and gas shadowing distally. There is no observed focal or generalized colon wall thickening or loss of layering.

Pancreas

The area of the pancreas was isoechoic to surrounding tissue with no overt inflammation. Pancreatic tissue was not distinctly visualized which is common.

Free Abdomen

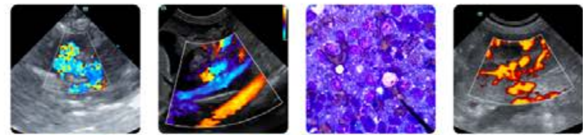
No clinically significant lymphadenopathy or abnormalities noted. No free fluid noted.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Mild aging renal changes, otherwise normal abdomen.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

There is no ultrasonographically evident cause of reported GI signs in this abdominal study. Pancreas and GI tract are within normal limits. Consideration for dietary indiscretion, infectious etiologies (bacterial, viral, parasitic), food sensitivity/allergy or mild inflammatory bowel disease is reasonable. While not sonographically evident, pancreatitis cannot be completely ruled out. Empiric treatment for GI signs including anti-nausea, appetite stimulant and fluid support as clinically indicated is warranted. A diet trial with hydrolyzed protein or select protein diet could be considered if food sensitivity is suspected clinically. If signs are persistent or recurrent, additional diagnostics to be considered include baseline cortisol +/- ACTH stimulation test, GI panel (TLI/PLI/cobalamin/folate), thyroid testing, bile acid profile, and thoracic radiographs to rule out occult neoplasia, cardiac disease and esophageal disease as potential causes. Ultimately GI biopsy may be required for more definitive diagnosis if the patient is not responsive to medical treatment. Colonoscopy may reveal pathology not visible on ultrasound.



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Normal distal colon

Visualization limited right kidney

Left kidney

Right adrenal gland

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3 Dist 2.24 cm

Left adrenal gland

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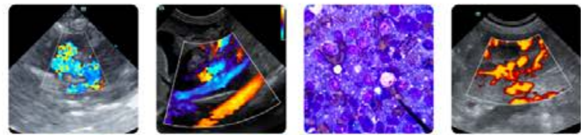
3 Dist 0.86 cm

Spleen



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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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