



**PATIENT**

Sassy Giar

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Basset

**SEX**

Spayed Female

**AGE**

10 Years

**WEIGHT**

66 Pounds

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: Hx of fever of unknown origin. Currently on enrofloxacin and metacam. was given cefpodoxime on the 10th.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: CBC- HCT 35; WBC 21.2; ALP 704 Patient seemed painful in R cranial quadrant during ultrasound exam

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**Urinary System**

The **urinary bladder** and visible pelvic urethra were unremarkable for the level of repletion presented. The urine, however, did present some moderate mildly echogenic debris consistent with mucous, exfoliated cells from renal or bladder origin, and/or blood clots as these echogenic changes can all present similarly. This is often related to urinary tract infection but may represent simple evidence of exfoliated debris or sterile inflammation. Cystocentesis, urinalysis, +/- culture would be recommended to rule out and define any UTI. Polypoid changes were noted along the ventral wall, deriving from the mucosa. A region of inflammation was noted around the urinary bladder.

Pyelectasia was noted in the **left kidney** with irregular contour and regional inflammation. The right kidney revealed similar changes to the left kidney with pyelectasia, echogenic debris and regional inflammation. Cortical infarcts were noted in the right kidney.

**Adrenal Glands**

The **left adrenal gland** was visualized and recognized as having normal shape, size, position and echogenicity for this breed. The phrenic vasculature, glandular echogenicity and detail were unremarkable. Capsule, cortex, and medullary definition were normal for this age patient. The left adrenal gland measured 0.6 cm, visualized obliquely.

The **right adrenal gland** was not visualized.

**Spleen**

The **spleen** presented a smooth homogeneous parenchyma hyperechoic to liver and renal cortical parenchyma. The capsule was smooth without noticeable expansion or deviation from within the spleen or adjacent pathology. The splenic vasculature demonstrated normal volume without signs of congestion or thrombosis. No sonographic evidence of acute or chronic inflammatory, neoplastic, or infarctual changes were noted. Cranial folding of the spleen was noted.

**Liver**

The **liver** was uniformly swollen with minor, excessive gallbladder debris and over distension with dependent and suspended bile without evidence of overt mucocele formation. However, excessive sludge was present. The liver presented coarse architecture with mildly increased portal markings and subtle, mixed echogenic changes. This is a mild change, consistent with vacuolar hepatopathy and some level of remodeling and history of inflammatory component. There was no overt suspicion of neoplasia.

**Gastrointestinal**

Examination of the **gastrointestinal tract** revealed a stomach and intestine free of stasis, of normal wall thickness, acceptable curvilinear mural detail, and peristaltic activity. Small and large intestine



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demonstrated normal luminal chyme and stool consistency respectively. No obstructive or overt infiltrative disease was noted. No associated abnormal lymphatic activity was noted.

**Pancreas**

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The base and limbs of the **pancreas** were observed to be largely isoechoic to surrounding omental fat. Pancreatic duct and capsular contour were acceptably normal and parenchyma respected normal curvilinear patterns. No overt evidence of active inflammatory or neoplastic disease was noted.

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**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

- Aggressive UTI, pyelonephritis pattern
- Splenic fold
- Unremarkable abdomen otherwise

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

Urine culture and sensitivity, 72-hour IV fluid protocol, and injectable antibiotics are all indicated. Minor potential for emerging renal neoplasia.

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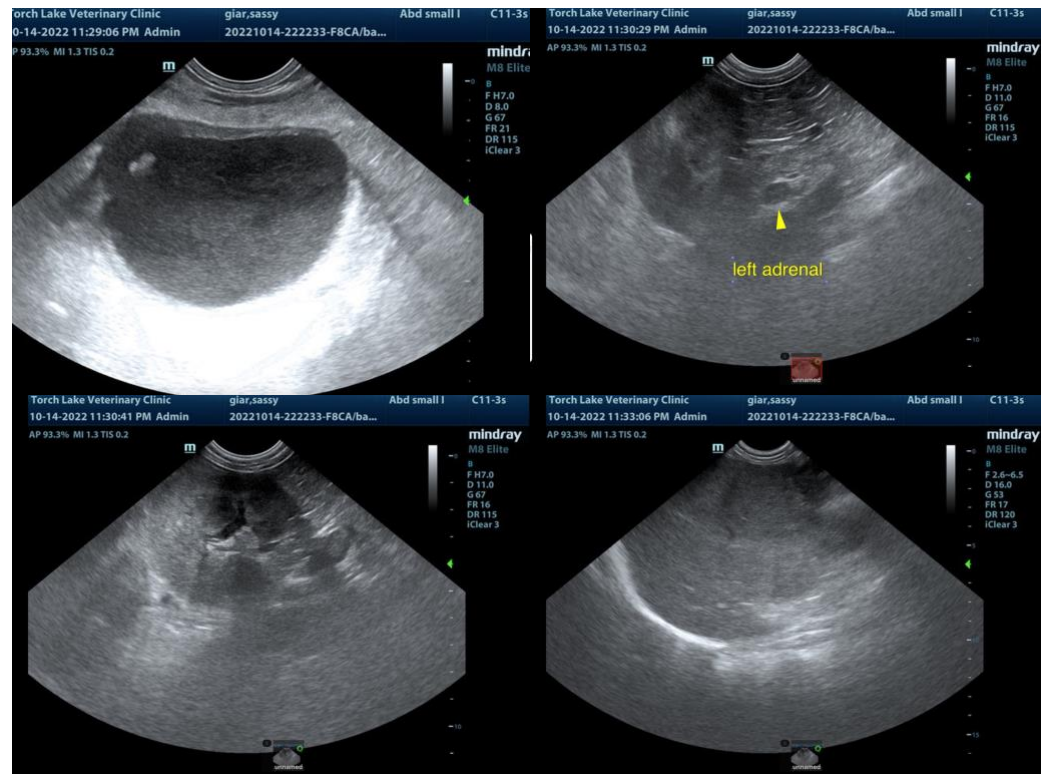
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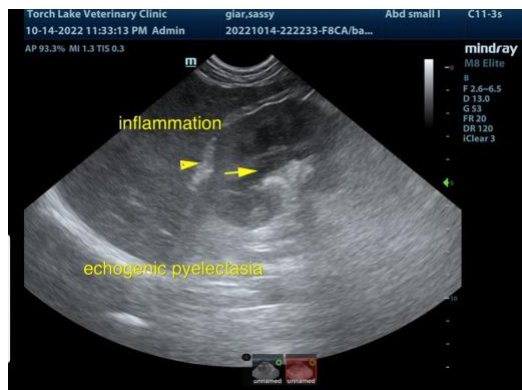
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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