



PATIENT

Duncan Gootee

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Setter

SEX

Male

AGE

11 years

WEIGHT

63 lbs

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: Presenting for rapidly losing weight. P is still eating and drinking, however vomiting up water. P was 73lbs on 8/5/22. P is an intact male breeding dog.
CBC/CHEM/SDMA/TT4: SDMA 22 XRAY: Unremarkable

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

The **urinary bladder**, trigone, and pelvic urethra presented normal thicknesses and normal tone. The ureters were not visible which is normal. No uroliths or sediment were visualized and anechoic urine was present. No evidence of inflammatory or neoplastic changes was noted. Ureteral papillae were normal.

The **prostate** was uniformly enlarged with lobar swelling appeared to impinge upon the urethra and mildly deviate the descending colon. The prostatic tissue was hyperechoic containing focal areas of decreased echogenicity. These changes are suggestive of either chronic inflammatory episodes, benign cystic pathology or both. Underlying neoplasia cannot be completely ruled-out but is lower on the differential list. This presentation is most consistent with benign prostatic hyperplasia with possible active prostatitis. Neutering or off-label Finasteride (Propecia) (0.1-0.5 mg/kg Sid) treatment is indicated +/- FNA or prostatic wash cytology and culture. The prostate measured 4.9 cm in width.

The **kidneys** revealed normal size and structure, corticomedullary definition and ratio for this age. The cortices presented largely uniform texture with normal echogenic relationship to liver and spleen. Medullary structure differed distinctly from the cortex. The capsules were acceptably uniform without significant irregularities. The left kidney measured 5.0 cm. The right kidney revealed pyelectasia with echogenic debris. The right kidney measured 8.3 cm.

Adrenal Glands

Both **adrenal glands** were 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 0.5 cm. The right adrenal gland measured 0.8 cm at the cranial pole and 0.5 cm at the caudal pole.

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 was noted.

Liver

The **liver** images from right and left intercostal as well as subcostal views revealed subjectively normal liver size, contour, and structure. Occasional, hypoechoic nodule was noted in the liver and was non-



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disruptive. Some age-related parenchymal remodeling was noted but likely not clinically significant at this time. Vascular and biliary tracts were of normal volume and no evidence of congestion was noted. The gallbladder was over distended with striating and largely fixed bile. This is consistent with immature gallbladder mucocele. The cystic duct was also dilated with inspissated bile.

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

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Pancreas

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

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BPH prostate.

Pyelectasia of the right kidney.

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Emerging gallbladder mucocele.

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

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If liver enzyme elevations or weight loss are present then FNA is indicated. Given the weight loss FNA of the liver is indicated. Full urinary work-up is warranted. If there is any evidence of inflammatory sediment present then culture is indicated. If neutering is not an option then following protocol may assist with prostatic enlargement. Rectal palpation is warranted to assess for prostatitis, which may be influencing the GI signs. Ursodiol therapy is warranted and/or gallbladder motility study as the gallbladder may also be playing a role in the upper GI signs. Recheck sonogram is recommended in 6 weeks of the gallbladder.

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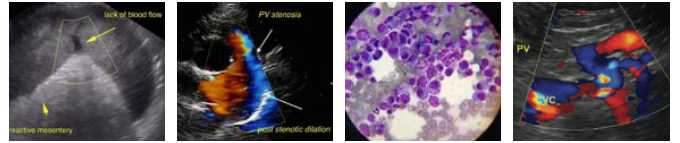
Finasteride at 1 mg/kg/day can be utilized as an off-label approach to reducing prostatic size in BPH cases. Coverage for prostatitis would also likely be appropriate with Fluoroquinolone/Baytril or similar. A recheck sonogram is recommended in 3-4 weeks with reassessment of the urinalysis and evaluation of any inflammatory sediment.

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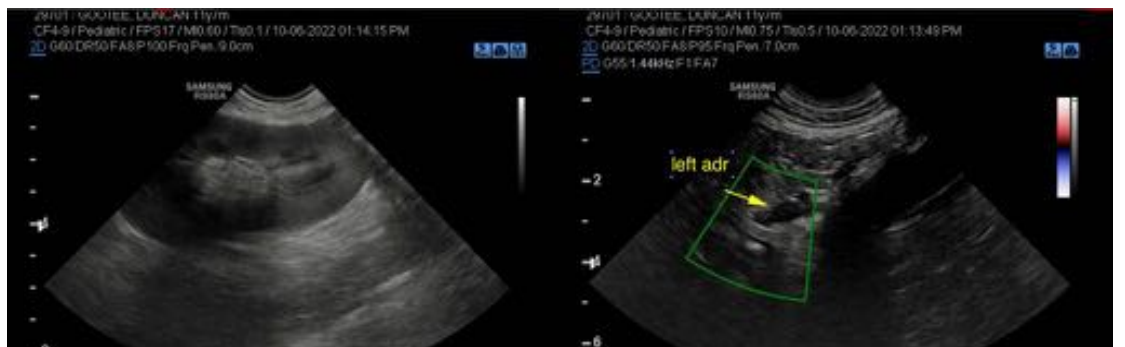
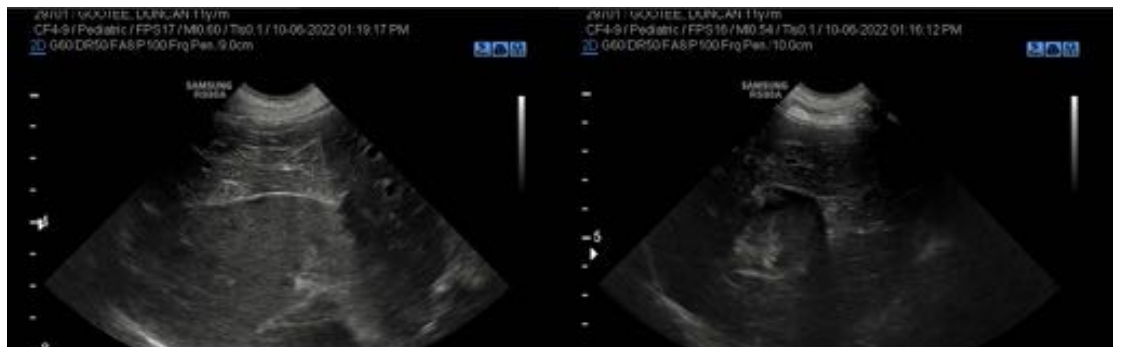
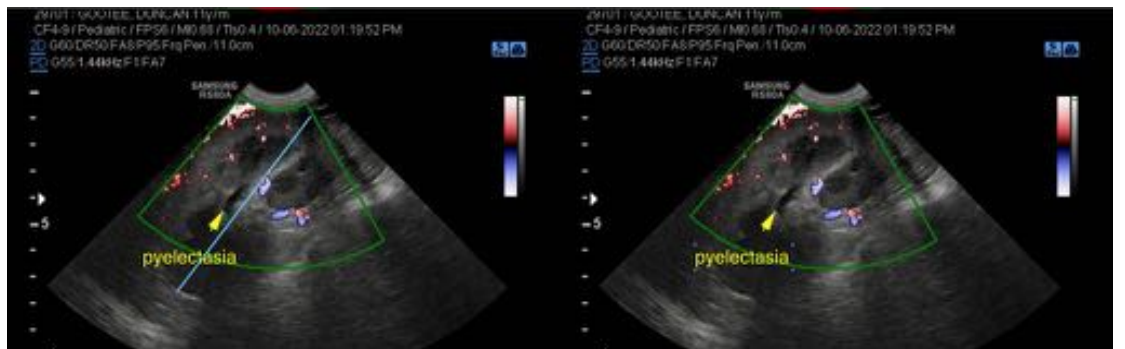
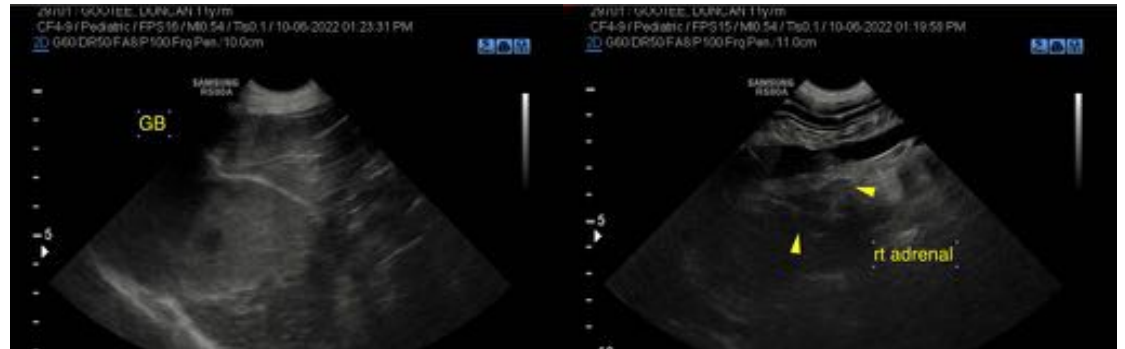
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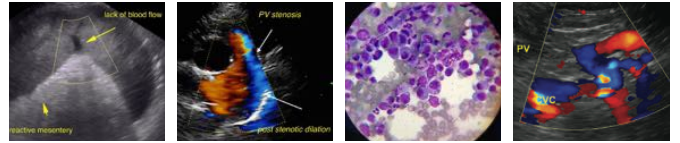
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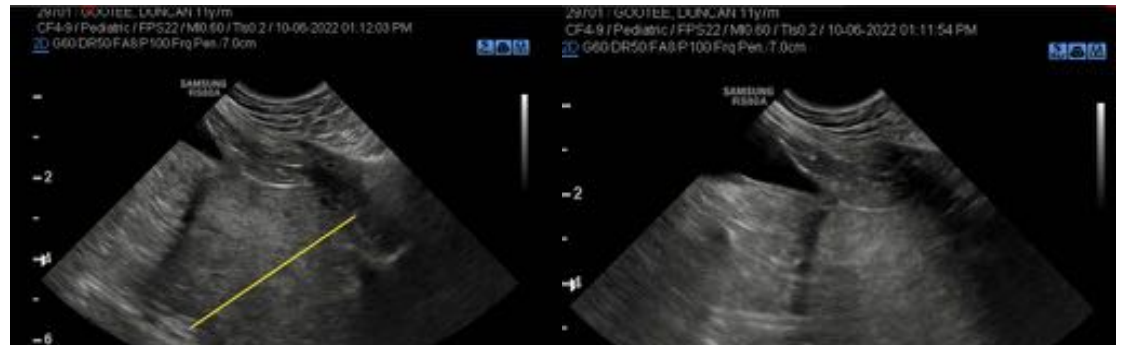
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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