



PATIENT

Linus Cerf

PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: Rapid weight loss
Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: ELEVATED CALCIUM

SPECIES

Canine

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.

BREED

Dachshund

The **kidneys** revealed largely normal size and structure, corticomedullary definition and ratio (cortex 1/3 of medulla) were essentially maintained with some age-related loss of curvilinear patterns regarding the capsule and C/M junction. The cortices presented largely uniform texture with some increased echogenicity expected for his age patient. Medullary structure differed distinctly from that of the cortex and no evidence of pelvic dilation was present. The left kidney measured 4.1 cm. The right kidney measured 4.5 cm.

SEX

Neutered male

AGE

13 years

WEIGHT

15.5 lbs

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 2.82 x 0.59 cm. The right adrenal gland measured 2.5 x 0.75 cm at the cranial pole and 0.5 cm at the caudal pole.

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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.

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Liver

The **liver** revealed mildly increased portal markings. The patient likely has a history of cholangitis. The changes were fairly minor. The liver is normal in size and contour with normal vascularity otherwise. The gallbladder was over distended with excessive debris measuring 5.0 x 4.0 cm. This is largely immobile and consistent with emerging mucocele.

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Gastrointestinal

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A minor amount of non-shadowing, non-obstructive ingesta was noted in the stomach. Transit of chyme into the small intestine was normal. Curvilinear patterns were maintained throughout the GI tract. No evidence of pathology. 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

Diffuse hyperechoic changes were present in the area of the **pancreas**. The pancreatic remodeling was evident with multifocal to diffuse hyperechoic changes. These changes are consistent with fibrosis, amyloid, saponification of fat and may contain areas of low-grade chronic active inflammation especially if pain on imaging (+ Murphy sign) was present +/- focal subxiphoid palpation reveals pain response. No overt masses were noted.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

Emerging gallbladder mucocele.

Hepatic remodeling.

Minor age related renal changes.

Pancreatic remodeling.

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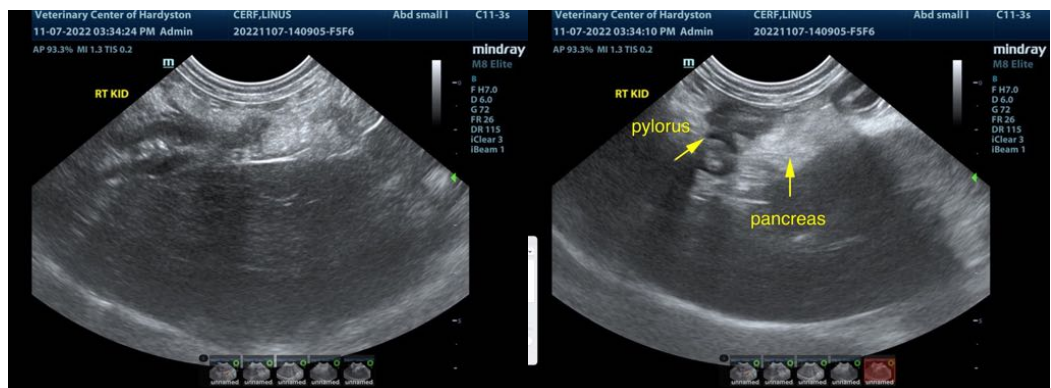
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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

There was no structural evidence of disease directly related to the hypercalcemia. Hypercalcemia panel is indicated +/- anal gland imaging, cranial mediastinal radiographs and parathyroid imaging may all be indicated. Parathyroid imaging is indicated. Ursodiol therapy is warranted as preventative management over the next 6-8 weeks with a recheck of the gallbladder.





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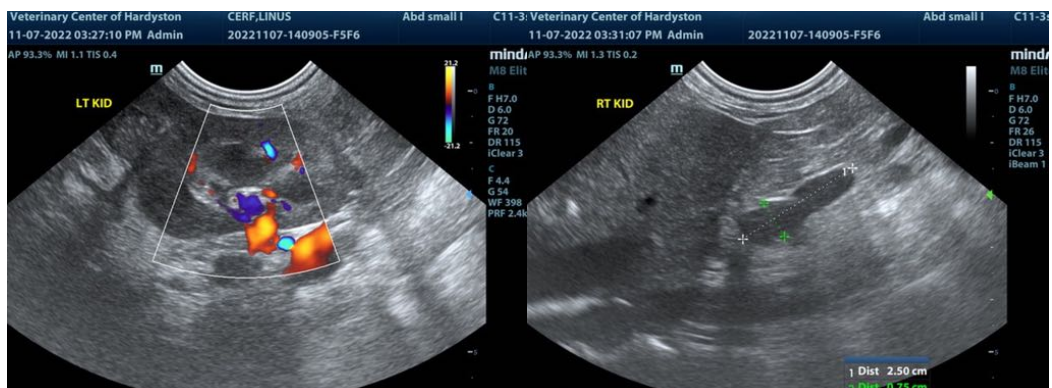
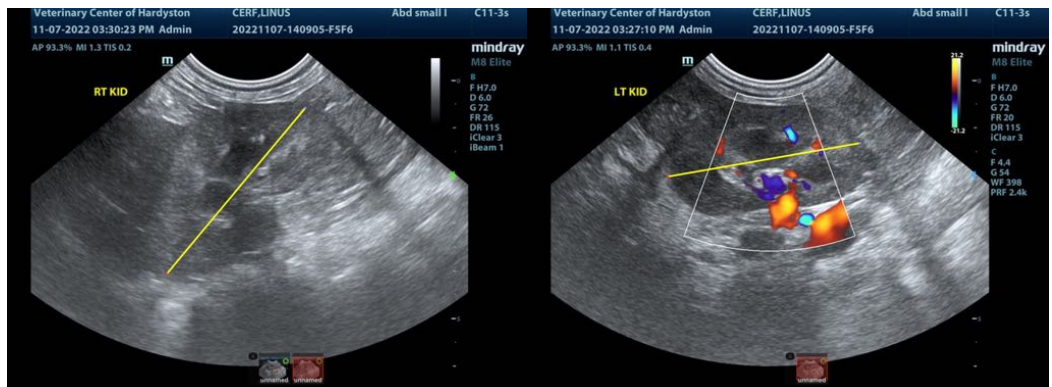
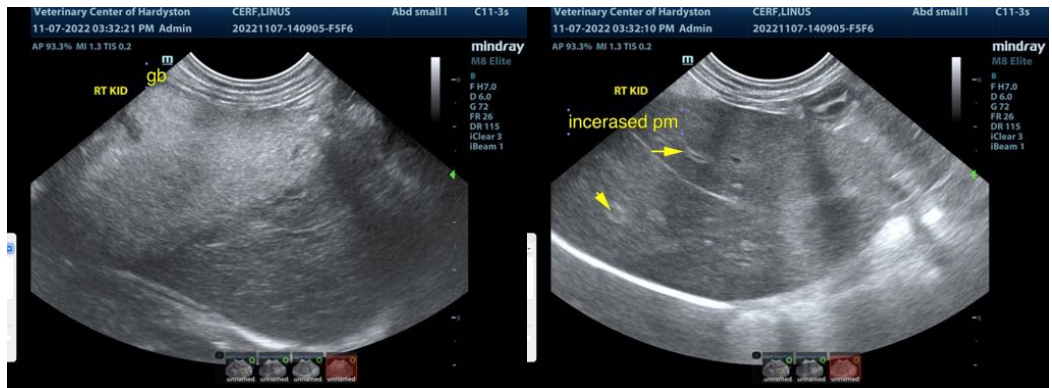
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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