

**PATIENT**

Ernie Herrera

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: Prominent abdomen.

**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. A minor amount of sand was noted. The bladder itself was unremarkable. No evidence of inflammatory or neoplastic changes was noted. Ureteral papillae were normal.

**BREED**

Morkie

The prostate revealed slight echogenic remodeling, yet was unremarkable.

**SEX**

Neutered male

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 right kidney measured 4.53 cm. The left kidney measured 4.44 cm.

**AGE**

10 years

**WEIGHT**

18.4 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 right adrenal gland measured 1.76 x 0.54 cm at the caudal pole and 0.41 cm at the cranial pole. The left adrenal gland measured 1.43 x 0.58 cm at the caudal pole and 0.52 cm at the cranial 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** 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 consistent with vacuolar hepatopathy and some level of remodeling and history of inflammatory component. There was no overt suspicion of neoplasia.

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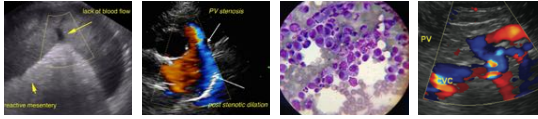
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**Gastrointestinal**

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.

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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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Morkie

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

**SEX**

Neutered male

Minor bladder sand.

Minor, non-obstructive nephrolithiasis.

Benign hepatopathy.

**AGE**

10 years

Age related renal changes.

**WEIGHT**

18.4 lbs

**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

The patient is likely passing small calculi periodically into the bladder. If the patient is demonstrating any lower urinary tract signs then cystostomy and normal and retrograde flushing is indicated. However, the patient will likely pass more calculi in the future from the kidneys to the lower urinary tract, yet no obstructive disease was noted at the time of the sonogram.

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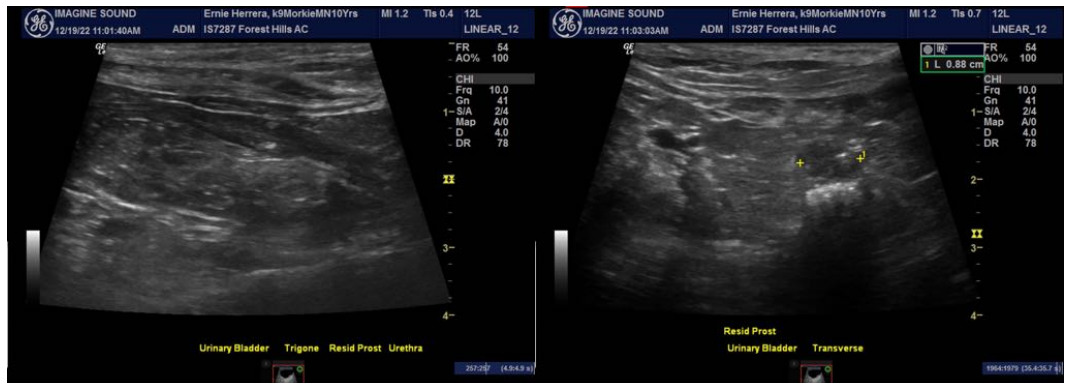
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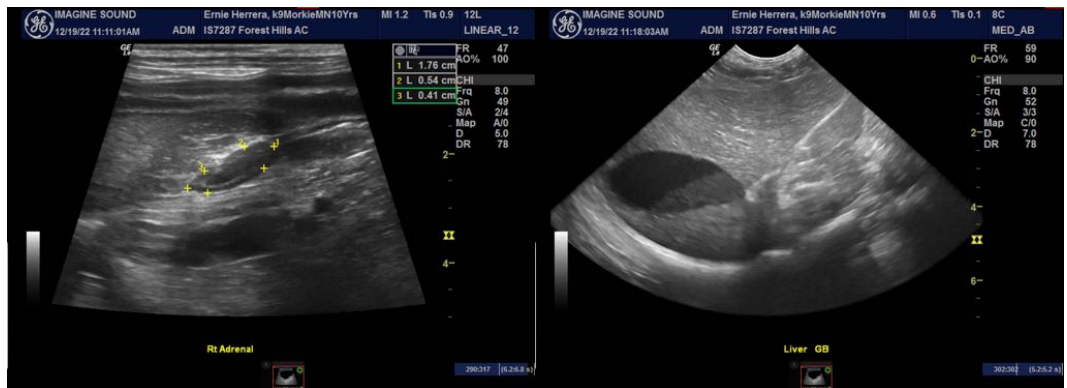
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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