



PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

PATIENT Opie Fox
SPECIES Canine
 Seen 4/11 for weight loss, hyporexia, diarrhea with frank blood, PU/PD. Diarrhea off/on for several months PE - underweight Symptoms resolved after starting Cerenia, Metronidazole, and switching to I/D lowfat food
 Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: 4/11/22 = CBC - WNL; CHEM - hypoalbuminemia (1.9), low cholesterol; cPL abnormal UA pending

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

BREED Dachshund
SEX Neutered male
 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.

AGE 15 years
WEIGHT 13.5 lbs
 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 this age patient. Medullary structure differed distinctly from that of the cortex and no evidence of pelvic dilation was present. Minor mineralization was noted in the kidneys. The left kidney measured 4.86 cm and right kidney measured 4.6 cm.

Adrenal Glands

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 The left **adrenal gland** was uniform and measured 0.54 cm. The right adrenal gland revealed a mass that measured 2.0 cm with capsular expansion. The right adrenal cranial pole measured 1.58 cm and 0.45 cm at the caudal pole. The vena cava did not appear overtly invaded.

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Spleen

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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

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The **liver** images from right and left intercostal as well as subcostal views revealed subjectively normal liver size, contour, and structure. 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 presented some dependent debris with essentially normal contour. The cystic and common bile ducts were normal. No overt evidence of active inflammatory, infiltrative or regenerative pathology was noted but should be paired with current or past LE elevations regarding any clinical significance to this presentation. The hepatic lymph nodes were unremarkable.



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Gastrointestinal

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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.

BREED

Dachshund

Pancreas

SEX

Neutered male

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

Right adrenal mass. Adenoma, carcinoma or pheochromocytoma are all possible.

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

The cause of low albumin is unclear. Given the GI signs protein losing enteropathy is likely. Right adrenalectomy and GI biopsies could be justified as long as albumin is able to be managed medically to > 2.0 prior to surgery.

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PLE Therapy

Part or all of this protocol may be considered based on your clinical impression of the patient:

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OBJECTIVE: keep albumin levels > 2 g/dl, avoid thromboembolism and cavitory effusions, monitor concurrent PLN (Wheaton Terrier PLE/PLN) and liver disease:

Plasma 10 mL / kilogram IV over 4 hours

Or **Human albumin** 2 ml/kg/h over 10 hours. Total daily volume 20.l/kg/day

And Colloids/Hetastarch

10 to 20 mL per kilogram per day and dogs

10 to 15 mL per kilogram per day cats

(Can bolus first 1/3 of dose over 15 minutes)

& maintain on LRS maintenance otherwise.

Metronidazole (10-20 mg/kg po bid)

Famotidine 1 mg/kg Iv Im po dc Sid /bid

Sucralfate 0.5-1 g po tid dogs, 0.5 g bid cats in slurry Or **Misoprostol** 1-5 ug/kg po tid

Diet: Highly digestible high quality protein, low fiber, low fat diet (< 15% of dry matter). Hydrolyzed protein or novel protein. Purina HA or Royal Canine HP or similar.

Prednisone or prednisolone 2 mg/kg bid x 3-5 days then 2 mg/kg sid. **Chlorambucil** in refractive severe IBD/alimentary lymphoma cases (monitor cbc for rare bone marrow suppression) 4 mg/m² Q 24-48 hours.

Cobalamine (B12) 250-1500 ug/dog weekly x 6 weeks.

Calcium supplementation if necessary.

Aspirin 0.5-1 mg/kg/day or **Clopidrel** (Plavix) 1-5 mg/kg/day.

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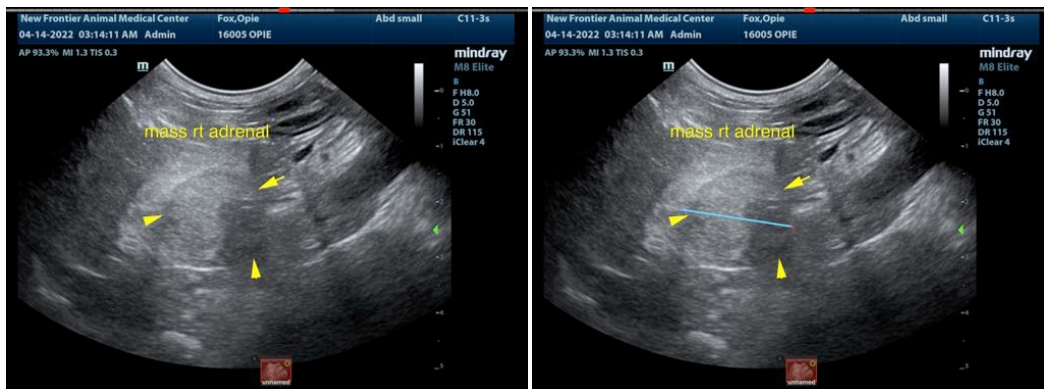
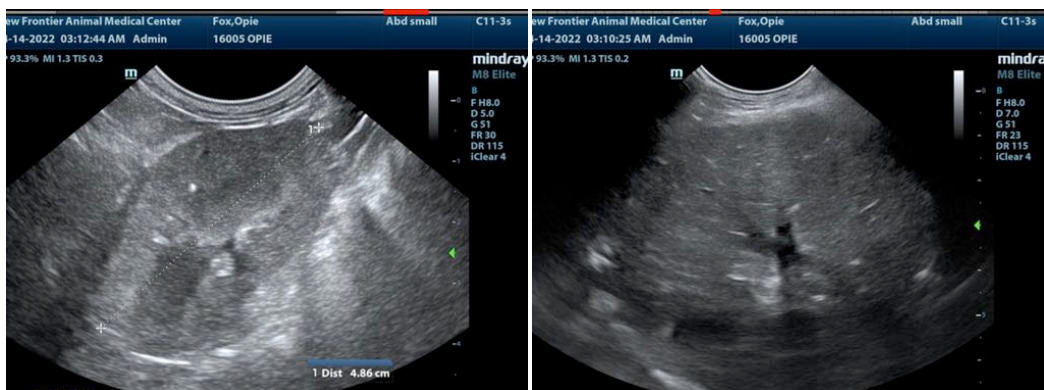
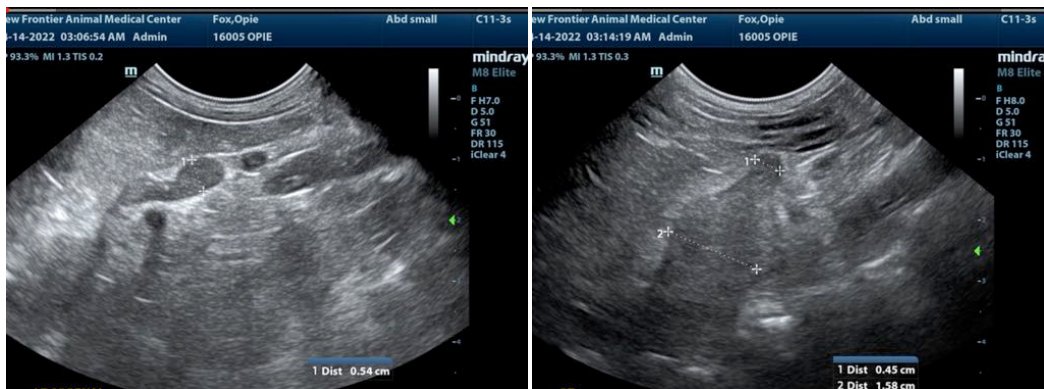
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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