



**PATIENT**

Mason Kramer

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Basset Hound

**SEX**

Neutered male

**AGE**

9 years

**WEIGHT**

66.4 lbs

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: Decreased appetite, intermittent vomiting, no diarrhea, not moving around well, struggling with allergic dermatitis vs joint pain. Patient has been on Apoquel, gabapentin and carprofen  
Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: PE: Hot spots over joints and nailbeds, no fevers Rads with radiology consult for joints wnl, no evidence of abnormalities in thorax or abdomen CBC: WNL 4DX: Negative CHEM:CHOL 90 SDMA: 16 T4: 3.5 Fecal: Neg

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**Urinary System**

The **urinary bladder**, trigone, and pelvic urethra presented normal thicknesses and normal tone. The pelvic urethra was imaged 2.0 cm beyond the cystourethral junction and appeared normal. 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 **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 and no evidence of pelvic dilation was present. The capsules were acceptably uniform without significant irregularities. The left kidney measured 6.0 cm. The right kidney measured 5.8 cm.

**Adrenal Glands**

The regions of the **adrenal glands** were imaged with no evidence of pathology.

**Spleen**

The **spleen** in this patient was mildly enlarged with uniform parenchyma and was folded upon itself caudally. This is a positional variant. This is a positional variant and is not pathological. There was no evidence of significant disease.

**Liver**

The **liver** revealed mildly increased portal markings with coarse architecture and was mildly subnormal in size. The gallbladder presented acceptably thin walls with primarily anechoic content. The cystic and common bile ducts were normal.

**Gastrointestinal**

The pylorus revealed mucosal hypertrophy. The gastric lumen was empty. The small intestines and colon were unremarkable.



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**Pancreas**

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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.

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**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

Minor gastric hypertrophy.

Hepatic remodeling.

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

Dietary indiscretion, food intolerance, structurally significant inflammatory bowel or occult parasitism and occult Addison's are all potentials. The patient has likely undergone chronic GI, pancreatic and hepatic issues in the past. Screening for Addison's is warranted with baseline cortisol. A clinical trial of the following may prove effective. Hydrolyzed geriatric diet may be effective.

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**Helicobacter/Gastritis protocol**

A clinical trial of **Zithromax (Dogs: 5-10 mg/kg p.o. q24h. May increase dosing interval to q48h after 3-5 days of treatment)**, **Metronidazole (10-20 mg/kg p.o. b.i.d.)**, **Pepcid (0.5-1 mg/kg s.i.d.)** and **Sucralfate (0.5-2 g/dog PO)** or **Omeprazole (1 mg/kg p.o. s.i.d.)** over the next 3 weeks along with a **novel-protein or hydrolyzed diet** with slurry feeding b.i.d./t.i.d. over the next 2-4 days and then increase to canned diet bid. Dry food should be avoided over the next 4 weeks. A recheck sonogram to assess GI improvement or progression would be ideal in 4 weeks.

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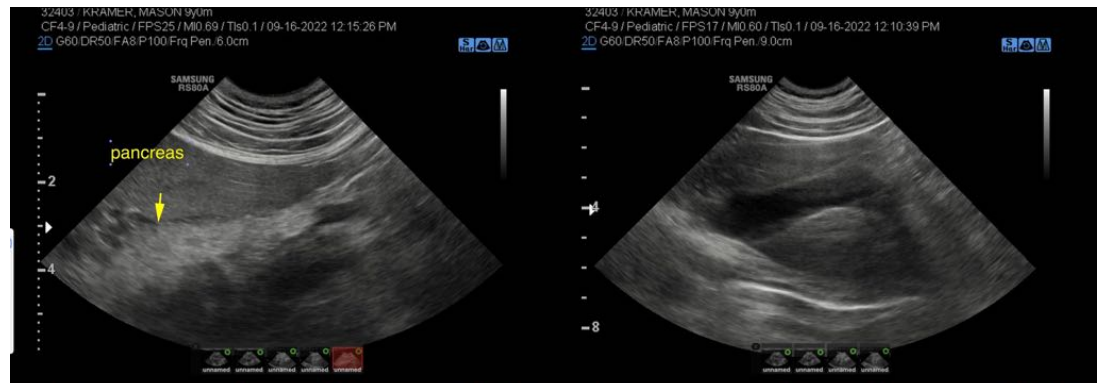
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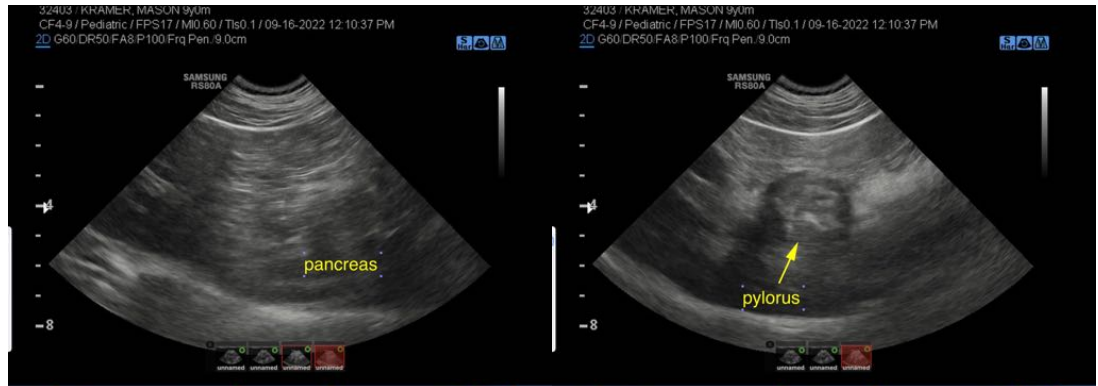
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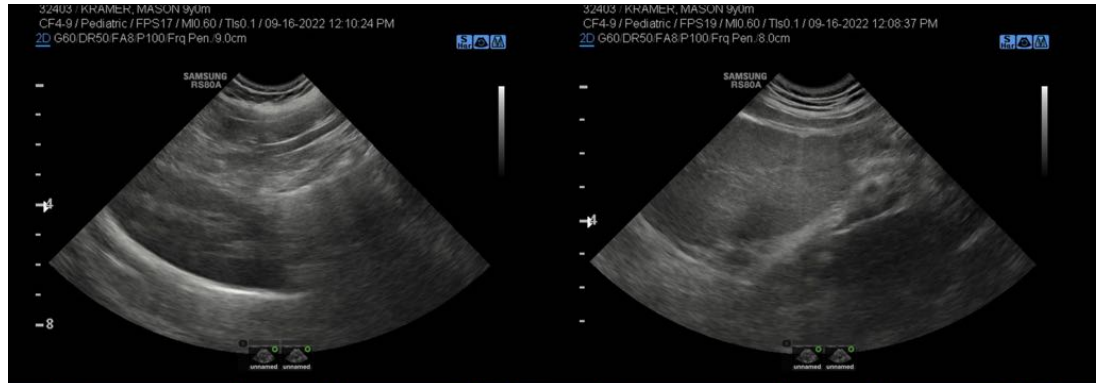
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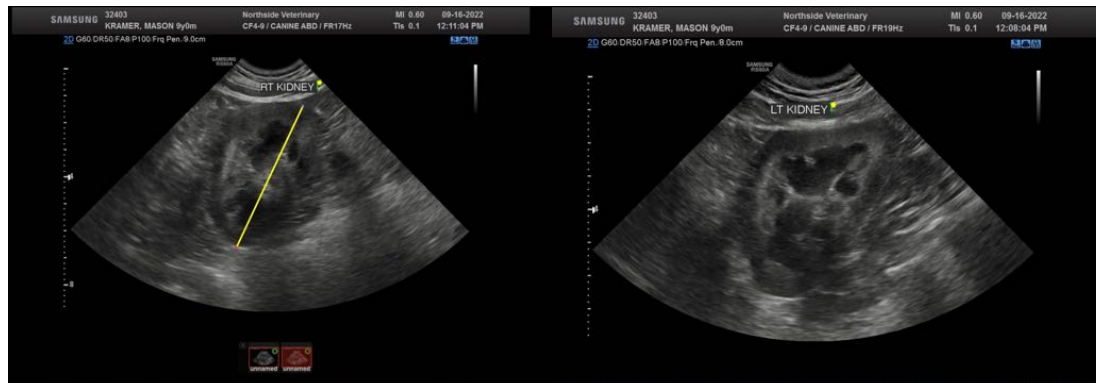
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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