

**DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

1/17/23

Current concern is possible abdominal pain. P has been screaming or squealing 1-2 times per week, often when owner putting her coat on or otherwise contacting abdomen. Long medical history including suspected/presumptive IBD, stable chronic liver enzyme elevations, stage B2 DMVD, suspected chronic bronchitis, proteinuria, and osteoarthritis. Her chronic conditions have all been stable.

**PATIENT**

Mocha Cooksey

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Poodle X

**SEX**

Spayed Female

**AGE**

4/15/09

**WEIGHT**

8.2 kg

**INTERPRETED BY**

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**HOSPITAL NAME**

Nexus Vet Specialists

**REFERRING VET**

Dr. Steele

**INVOICE**

44265

Current Medications: Rimadyl 25mg BID, Omeprazole 10mg BID, Dasuquin 1 tab once daily, Cerenia 24mg PRN (only rarely needed), Metronidazole 125mg BID, Revolution, Denamarin, Hydrocodone/homatropine 5mg 1/2 tab q8h, Pimobendan 5mg 1/2 tab BID, Adequan.

Lab Results: 12/18: UPC 1.5. 10/19: ALT 138, normal ALP, chol 415, PLT 407K.

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.

Sedation: Not required to complete full diagnostic ultrasound.

Stat Report: Not requested.

Imaging Performed By: Andi Parkinson, BS, RDMS.

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN****Urinary System**

The urinary bladder is moderately distended with anechoic urine. The Bladder wall, trigone, ureteral papillae and visible urethra (to a depth of 2cm) appear normal with no evidence of wall thickening, mucosal irregularities, masses or cystic calculi.

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (4.5 cm). Overall echogenicity is slightly hyperechoic with poor corticomedullary distinction and a typical 1:3 cortex:medulla ratio. There is no evidence of focal perinephric inflammation or effusion. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (4.87 cm). Overall echogenicity is slightly hyperechoic with poor corticomedullary distinction and a typical 1:3 cortex:medulla ratio. There is no evidence of focal perinephric inflammation or effusion. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

**Adrenal Glands**

The left adrenal gland is borderline "plump", measuring 0.98 cm at the caudal pole. It is observed in its normal position cranial to the left renal artery. It is normal in appearance (uniformly hypoechoic) and shape with no evidence of a mass effect.

The right adrenal gland is normal/borderline "plump", measuring 0.84 cm at the caudal pole. It is observed in its normal position between the cranial aspect of the right kidney and the caudal vena cava. It is normal in appearance (uniformly hypoechoic) and shape with no evidence of a mass effect.

**Spleen**

The spleen is subjectively normal in size, echotexture is homogenous, and the splenic capsule is smooth with no irregularities. The blood flow through the hilus and splenic parenchyma appears normal. There are relatively well demarcated hyperechoic nodules visualized in the spleen, mostly associated with areas of vasculature.

**Liver**

The liver is subjectively normal in size, and echogenicity with smooth peripheral margins. The parenchyma is homogenous echotexture. The visible portions of the vasculature and biliary tract appear normal. There is a small ill-defined hyperechoic nodule visualized within the parenchyma, measuring 0.58 cm.

The gallbladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall of the gall bladder is not thickened and has a smooth mucosal surface. Luminal contents are mild and primarily anechoic. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not visible.

### ***Gastrointestinal***

The stomach contains minimal luminal contents. It measures at a normal thickness of 0.48 cm with some variability due to the presence of rugal folds. The distinction of the gastric wall layers is adequate and there is no impression of reduced peristaltic activity. No masses or focal lesions were observed.

The visualized areas of duodenum, jejunum and ileum have a uniform diameter with minimal fluid distension. Wall appears subjectively, mildly increased. Bowel loops follow a typical curvilinear path with distinct wall layering. Jejunum wall measures 0.31 cm. Duodenum wall measures 0.57 cm. Visualized peristalsis appears appropriate. There were no focal lesions consistent with obstruction or a mass effect observed.

The ileocecal junction was visualized and exhibited normal intact wall layering and is subjectively of normal thickness. Sections of colon are visualized with formed fecal material and gas shadowing distally. There is no observed focal or generalized colon wall thickening or loss of layering.

### ***Pancreas***

The pancreas is prominent and mottled compared to the surrounding isoechoic mesentery, with hyperechoic speckling. There is no evidence of nodules or cystic lesions. There is no evidence of regional mesenteric inflammation or fluid.

### ***Free Abdomen***

Evaluation of the peritoneal cavity did not reveal any evidence of effusion, or subjective lymphadenomegaly. The Medial iliac nodes appear normal and there was no evidence of a caudal aortic thrombus at the bifurcation. The omentum is of normal uniform echogenicity.

## **PRIMARY FINDINGS**

- Borderline “plump” adrenal glands – The bilateral adrenomegaly could be consistent with bilateral hyperplasia (e.g., secondary to pituitary-dependent hyperadrenocorticism), bilateral infiltrative neoplasia, inflammatory adrenal disease, other. Correlation with clinical findings is recommended.
- Prominent mottled pancreas with hyperechoic speckling – Findings are most consistent with either mild current pancreatic inflammation or previous episodes of pancreatic inflammation.
- Small hyperechoic nodule in the liver – This lesion could represent a benign or neoplastic lesion, although the general appearance trends towards a more benign lesion.
- Subjectively thickened small intestine – The mild small intestinal wall changes may be a normal variant in this patient or could be consistent with an inflammatory process (e.g., inflammatory bowel disease).

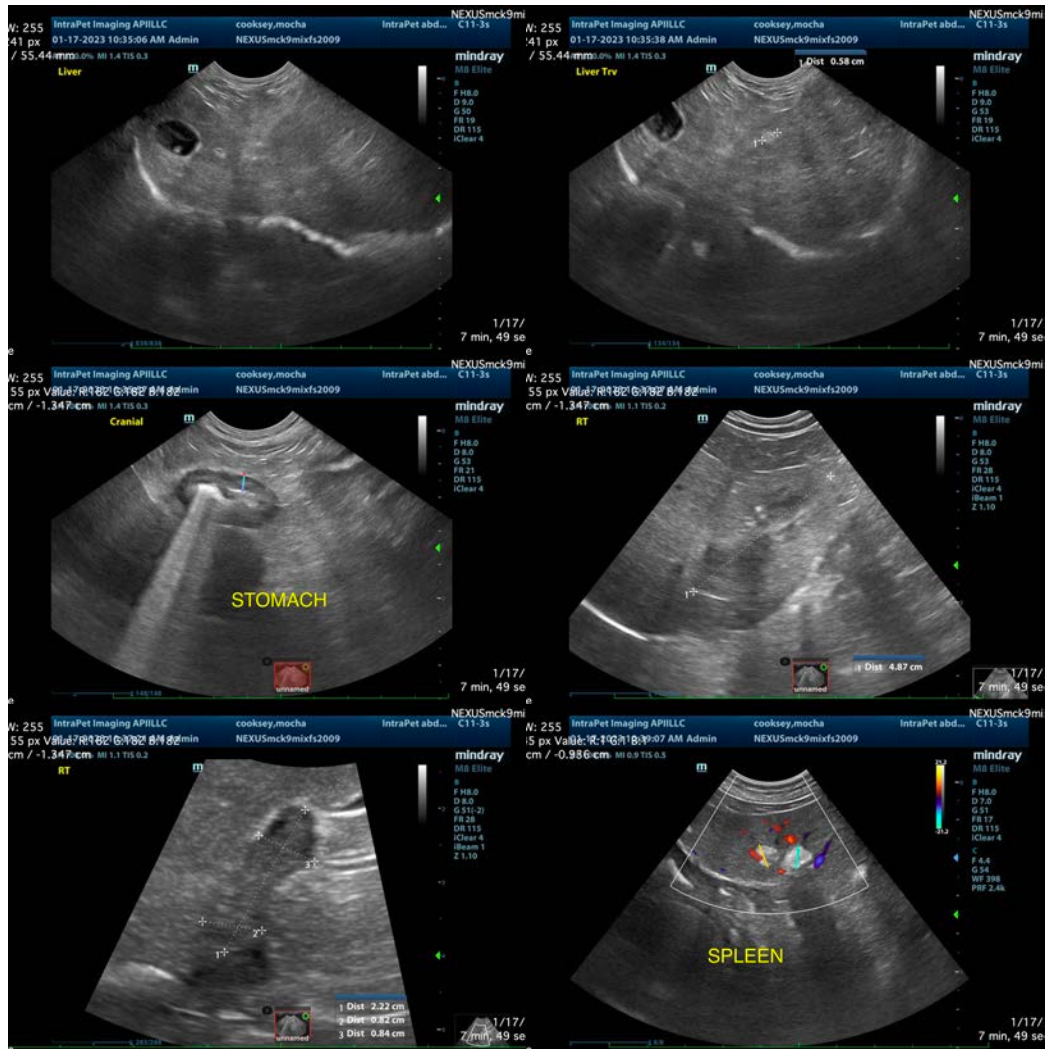
## **SECONDARY FINDINGS**

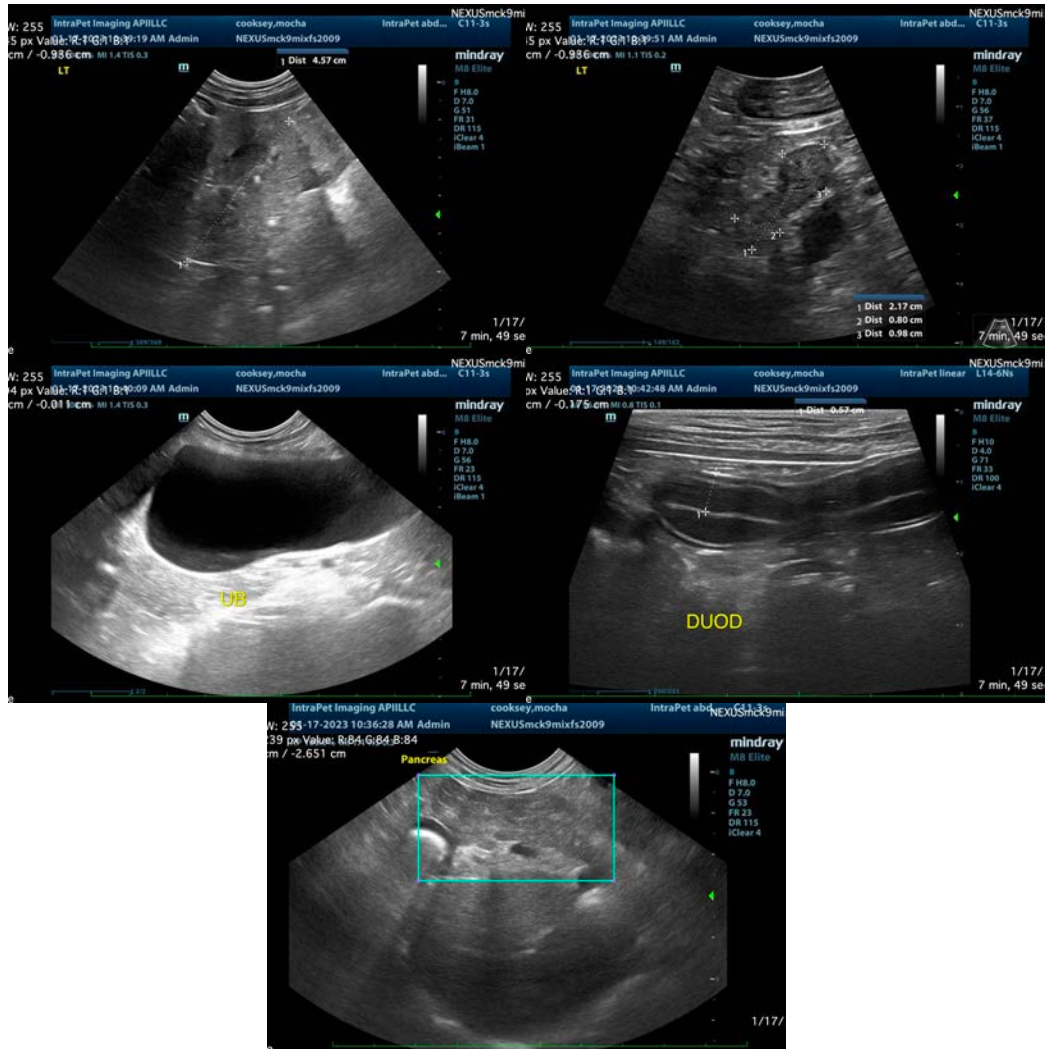
- Decreased corticomedullary distinction in both kidneys – The bilateral renal findings are consistent with age-related change.
- Hyperechoic nodules visualized within the splenic parenchyma – Findings are most consistent with benign myelolipomas. Recommend continued monitoring.

## INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Ultrasonographic lesions observed on today's exam include chunky/plump adrenal glands, age related changes in both kidneys, hyperechoic foci in the spleen most consistent with benign myelolipomas, a small hyperechoic hepatic nodule, prominent/subjectively thickened small intestine, and a mottled/prominent pancreas surrounded by mildly hyperechoic mesentery.

Further diagnostic and therapeutic recommendations regarding this exam to be made by Dr. Cara Steele.





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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