

**DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

1/19/23 3 wk hx decreased appetite, vomiting every other day, diarrhea, weight loss. Got 2.5L IVF overnight and dr. concerned about not urinating. Urinated after ultrasound/sedation given.

PATIENT

Lola Labayen

Current Medications: IVFT, Cerenia, Unasyn.

Lab Results: Azotemia.

Radiographs: Left renomegaly.

SPECIES

Canine

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.

Sedation: Torbugesic IV.

Stat Report: Not requested.

Imaging Performed By: Stephanie Warga RDCS, RVT.

BREED

Labrador

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**SEX**

Spayed Female

Urinary System

The urinary bladder is significantly 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. Post-urination images were obtained, which show a urinary bladder approximately 30% of the size of the previously distended urinary bladder.

AGE

5/21/16

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (7.88 cm). Overall echogenicity is normal with mildly reduced 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.

WEIGHT

95.8 Pounds

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (8.92 cm). Overall echogenicity is normal with mildly reduced 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.

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Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.58 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.

HOSPITAL NAME

Eastern AH

The right adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.57 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.

REFERRING VET

Dr. Sole

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. No focal parenchymal abnormalities are visualized.

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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. No focal nodules or cystic lesions are observed.

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 <0.7cm 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 relatively uniform diameter with minimal fluid distension. Wall thickness is normal. Bowel loops follow a curvilinear path with distinct wall layering maintaining the typical 1:3 muscularis:mucosa layer ratio. Duodenum wall measures 0.35 cm. Jejunum wall measures 0.29 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 normal and isoechoic to surrounding mesentery. 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.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Questionable mildly reduced corticomedullary distinction in both kidneys – Mild loss of corticomedullary distinction in both kidneys could be consistent with chronic degenerative disease or interstitial nephrosis.
- Large distended urinary bladder – No evidence of a urinary obstruction is clearly visualized.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Today's scan appears relatively normal for this 7 year old Labrador. Initially, the urinary bladder was very distended, but there was no visible evidence of an obstructive lesion. Correlate with a digital rectal exam to palpate the distal urethra. Post-urination images were obtained with significantly diminished urine volume, but not an empty bladder. Continued monitoring is warranted.

There is questionable subtle decrease in corticomedullary distinction in both kidneys. This is a non-specific finding. Considering testing for Leptospirosis, a blood pressure evaluation, urinalysis and culture if azotemia is present.

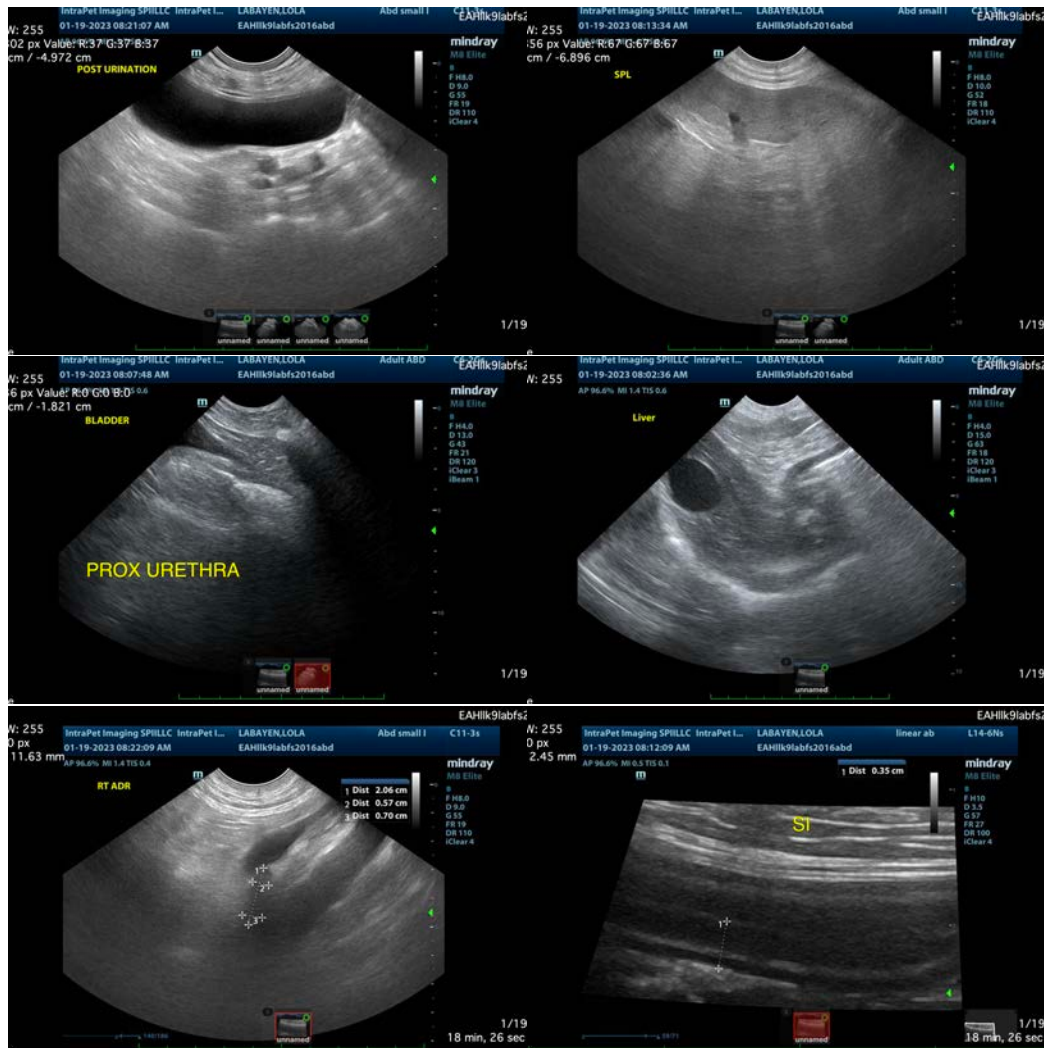
No focal lesions are visualized with the gastrointestinal tract to identify a cause for the vomiting reported. Correlate these findings with your bloodwork to try and determine if the renal issues are significant enough to be causing vomiting. If not, consider primary gastrointestinal causes of chronic vomiting and diarrhea.

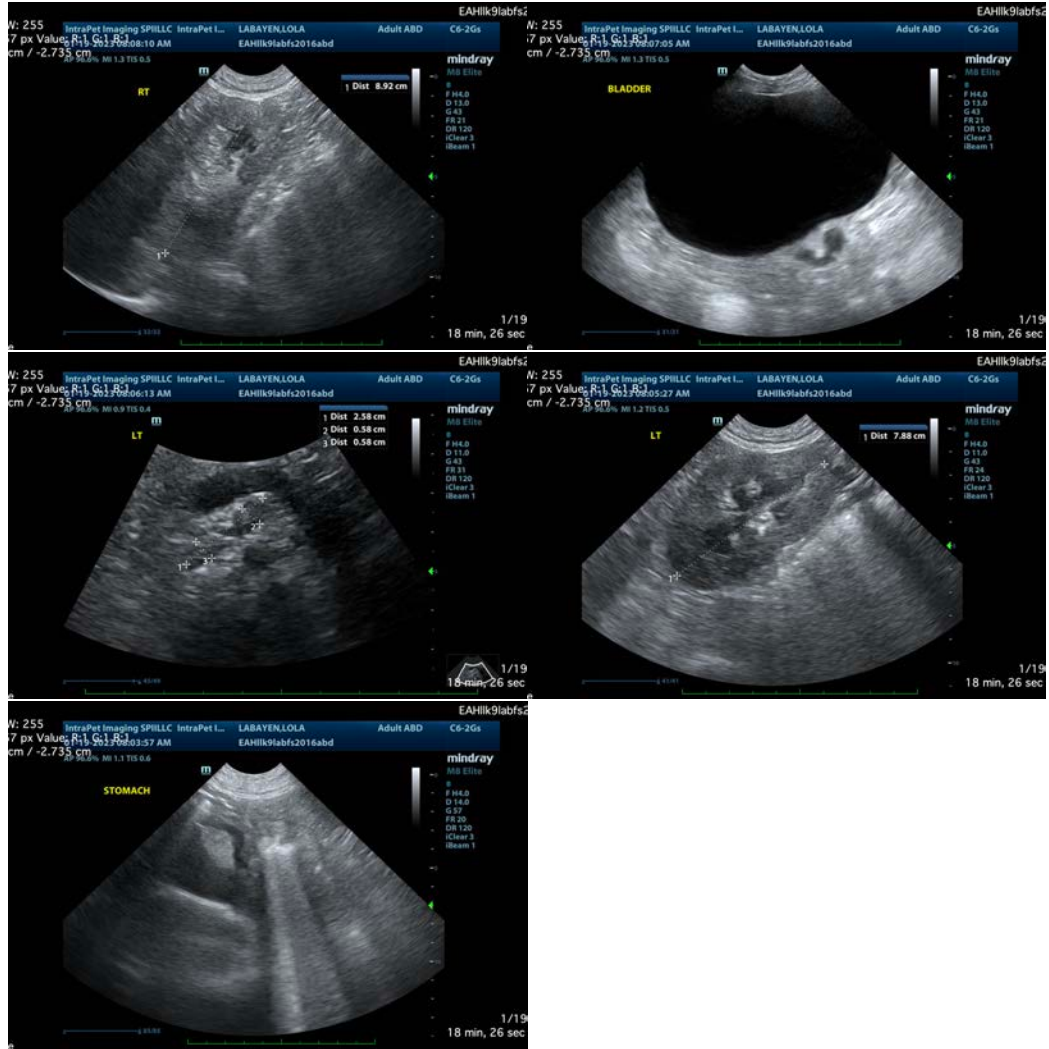
Consider such differentials as food allergy/dietary intolerance, GI parasitism, chronic pancreatitis, IBD and less likely neoplasia, etc..

- Consider a novel protein/hydrolyzed protein diet (exclusively at least 4-6 weeks)

- Consider a GI panel to Texas A&M for evaluation of B12 levels, folate, PLI/TLI etc.. to further evaluate for pancreatic/small intestinal disease.
- Recommend screening for Addison's disease.
- Recommend chronic probiotic therapy.
- If primary gastrointestinal disease is likely, and the patient's symptoms persist, consider obtaining GI biopsies.

Recommend three view thoracic radiographs to evaluate for possible concurrent thoracic disease/involvement.





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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