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Munchkin Russell

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Yorkie x

SEX

Spayed Female

AGE

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Recent hx of Polyuria + Polydipsia. Presented for preops for anesthetic dental procedure.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: PE nsf Cbc- mild reticulocytosis and mild thrombocytosis Chem- inc Ca (12.2), inc TP (8.9), inc Alb (4.3), inc Glob (4.6), inc ALP (886), inc chol (401) UA - SG 1009, ph 8.5 Abd rads - Moderate R sided hepatomegaly Malignancy Hypercalcemia panel pending to MSU

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 (4.52 cm) with hyperechoic foci in the cortex, most consistent with dystrophic mineralization. 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, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (4.25 cm). Overall echogenicity is normal with adequate 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 normal in size measuring 0.62 cm at the cranial pole and 0.50 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 in size measuring 0.56 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 is a poorly defined, irregular, hypoechoic region/nodule in the mid body of the spleen measuring 0.84 cm x 1.1 cm.

Liver

The liver is large in size, and hyperechoic with smooth peripheral margins. The parenchyma is heterogenous in echotexture with subtle, indistinct focal mottling. The visible portions of the vasculature and biliary tract appear normal. No focal nodules or cystic lesions are observed.



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The gall bladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall of the gall bladder is not thickened and has a smooth mucosal surface. There is a moderate amount of non-organized echogenic debris. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not visible.

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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.

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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. Jejunum wall measures 0.23 cm. Visualized peristalsis appears appropriate. There were no focal lesions consistent with obstruction or a mass effect observed.

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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

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The area of 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

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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

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- Age related changes visualized associated with both kidneys.
- Irregular hypoechoic nodule/areas visualized in the spleen – There is a non-cavitated, hypoechoic splenic nodule visualized. Differentials include lymphoid hyperplasia, extramedullary hematopoiesis, infiltrative neoplasia, inflammation, other. Cytology or histopathology would be necessary to get a definitive diagnosis.
- Large, hyperechoic, heterogeneous liver – The diffuse hepatic changes are non-specific and can be seen with vacuolar hepatopathy, reactive change, nodular hyperplasia or, less likely, inflammatory/immune-mediated disease, infiltrative neoplasia, or other hepatopathy.
- Moderate gallbladder debris- The significance of the aggregated gallbladder debris is unclear. This could represent an early mucocele, cholestasis, or may be secondary to fasting but seems unlikely to be causing a current issue. Recommend continued monitoring.

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

There is a poorly defined, irregular nodule/region of the spleen. This has a somewhat benign appearance but an early neoplastic lesion cannot be ruled out. Options moving forward would include continued monitoring with ultrasound +/- a fine needle aspirate.



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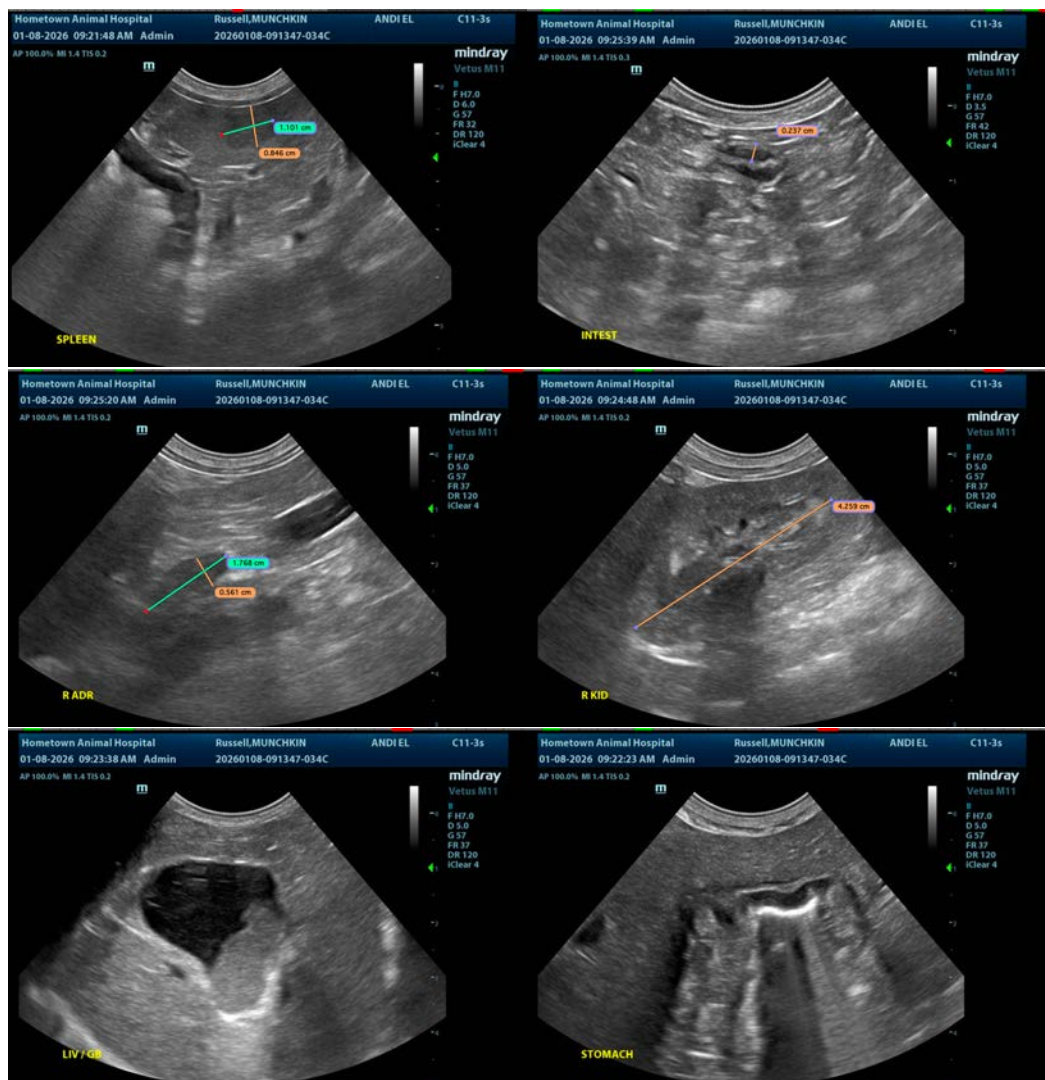
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The liver is large, hyperechoic and mildly heterogeneous. These changes are most consistent with a vacuolar hepatopathy, although other hepatopathies are possible. Consider pre- and post-bile acids to assess liver function as a baseline. A fine needle aspirate could be considered if there is any concern for infiltrative neoplasia or similar (provided coagulation parameters are normal).

Both adrenals appear normal in size. This does not exclude the possibility of underlying Cushing's disease but makes it somewhat less likely. If classic symptoms are present, you could consider adrenal function testing.

If ionized calcium levels return as elevated and PTH levels are high or normal, you could consider submitting images for a limited scan. This should ideally include labeling (side, structures, etc.), and color doppler to outline the carotid and other vascular structures.





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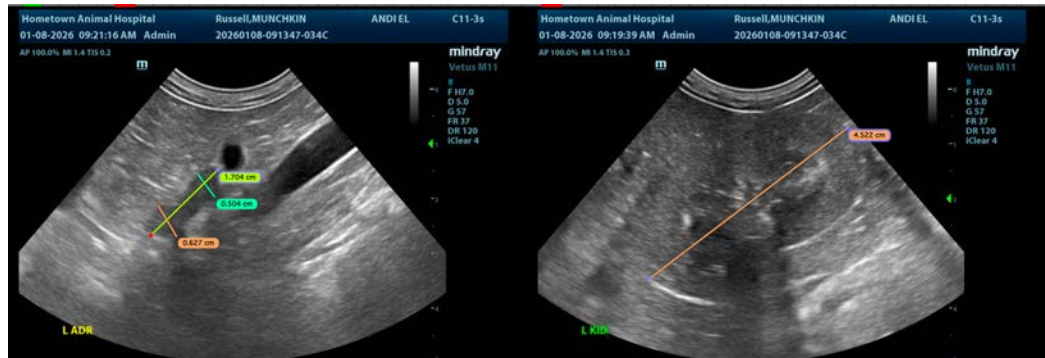
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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