

**DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

10/15/21 Acute vomiting 10/13/21 - resolved with Cerenia, lethargy - 10/14/2021, anorexia - 10/14/2021, diarrhea.

PATIENT Current Medications: Not provided by the veterinarian.

Lab Results: WBC 4.93, TP 5, Phos 5.7.

Delta Burgee Radiographs: gas in stomach, gas filled loop superior to stomach.

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous IntraPet scans.

SPECIES Sedation: Sedation not required for scan.
Stat Report: STAT report not requested by the veterinarian.

Canine

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

Pit Bull Terrier

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.

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Spayed Female

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (6.7 cm) with rare pinpoint non-obstructive nephroliths. Overall echogenicity is normal with adequate corticomedullary distinction and a typical 1:3 cortex:medulla ratio. There is no evidence of perinephric inflammation or effusion. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, infarcts or hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

AGE

12/28/20

WEIGHT

58.1 Pounds

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (6.61 cm) with pinpoint non-obstructive nephroliths. Overall echogenicity is normal with adequate corticomedullary distinction and a typical 1:3 cortex:medulla ratio. There is no evidence of perinephric inflammation or effusion. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, infarcts or hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

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The left adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.55 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

Northwind AH

The right adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.75 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. Miller

Spleen

The spleen is large in size. The spleen echotexture is heterogenous and mottled, 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 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.

Some of the visualized areas of duodenum, jejunum and ileum have a relatively uniform diameter with minimal fluid distension. Other areas appear hypermotile with moderate fluid distention and intact wall layering measuring approximately 0.28 cm. Visualized peristalsis appears appropriate to increased. No focal obstruction or mass effect is observed, but a partial obstruction cannot be excluded as a possibility.

The ileocecal junction was visualized and exhibited normal intact wall layering and is subjectively of normal thickness. Sections of colon are visualized and appeared dilated with liquid 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. There is significant mesenteric lymphadenopathy visualized with a lymph node measuring 2.2 cm x 3.7 cm. The Medial iliac nodes appear normal and there was no evidence of a caudal aortic thrombus at the bifurcation. The omentum is generally of increased echogenicity.

PRIMARY FINDINGS

- Moderate small intestinal fluid dilation with hypermotility – most consistent with enteritis, but multifocal or partial small intestinal obstruction/foreign material cannot be excluded.
- Fluid dilated colon – consistent with reported diarrhea.
- Large, mottled spleen – The diffuse splenic changes are non-specific and could be consistent with lymphoid hyperplasia, extramedullary hematopoiesis, infiltrative neoplasia, inflammation, other. Cytology or histopathology would be necessary to get a definitive diagnosis.
- Significant mesenteric lymphadenopathy – could be consistent with inflammation, infection, or underlying neoplasia.

SECONDARY FINDINGS

- Pinpoint non-obstructive nephroliths in the kidneys – The hyperechoic mineralized foci observed at the corticomedullary junction of the left/right kidney are consistent with small, non-obstructive nephroliths.

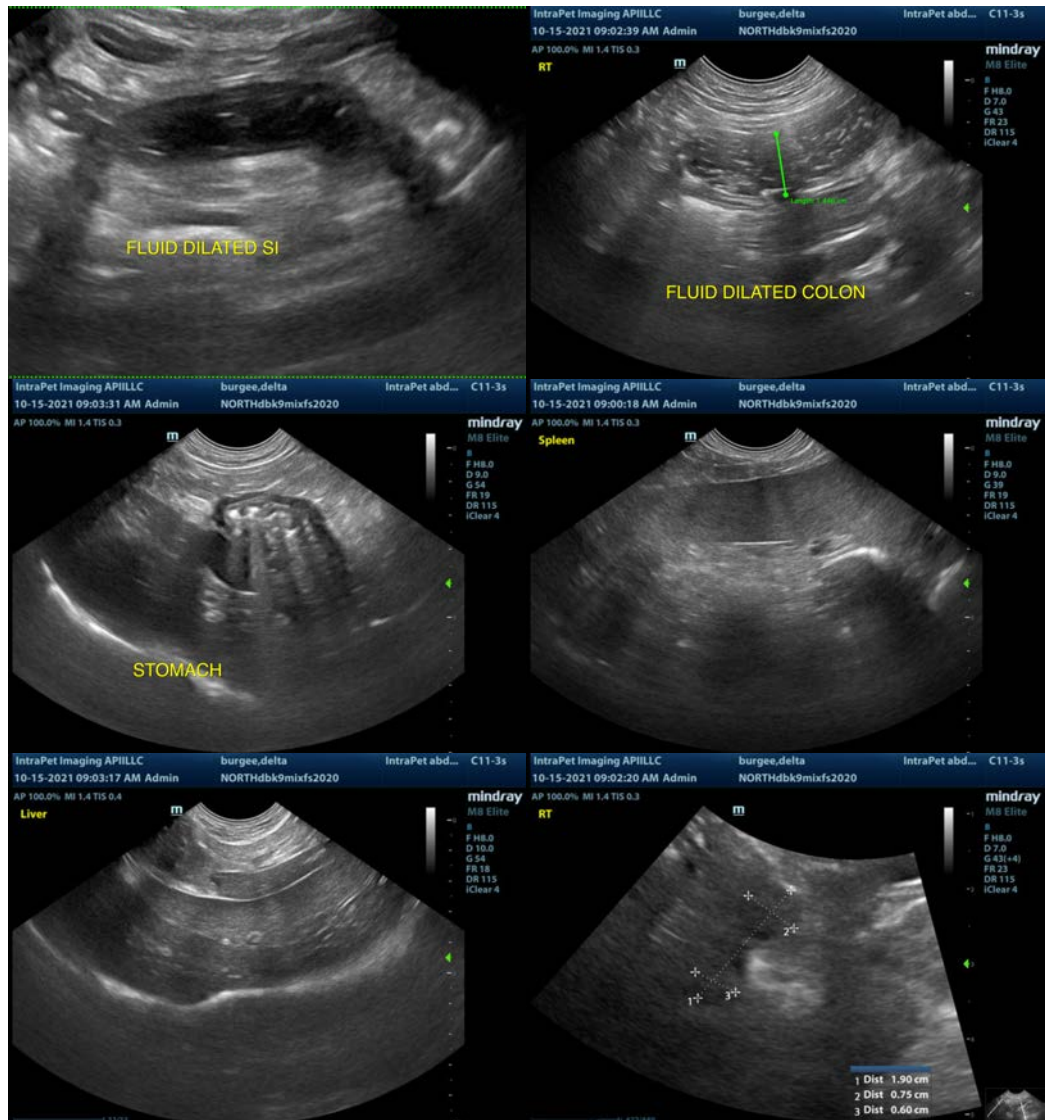
INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

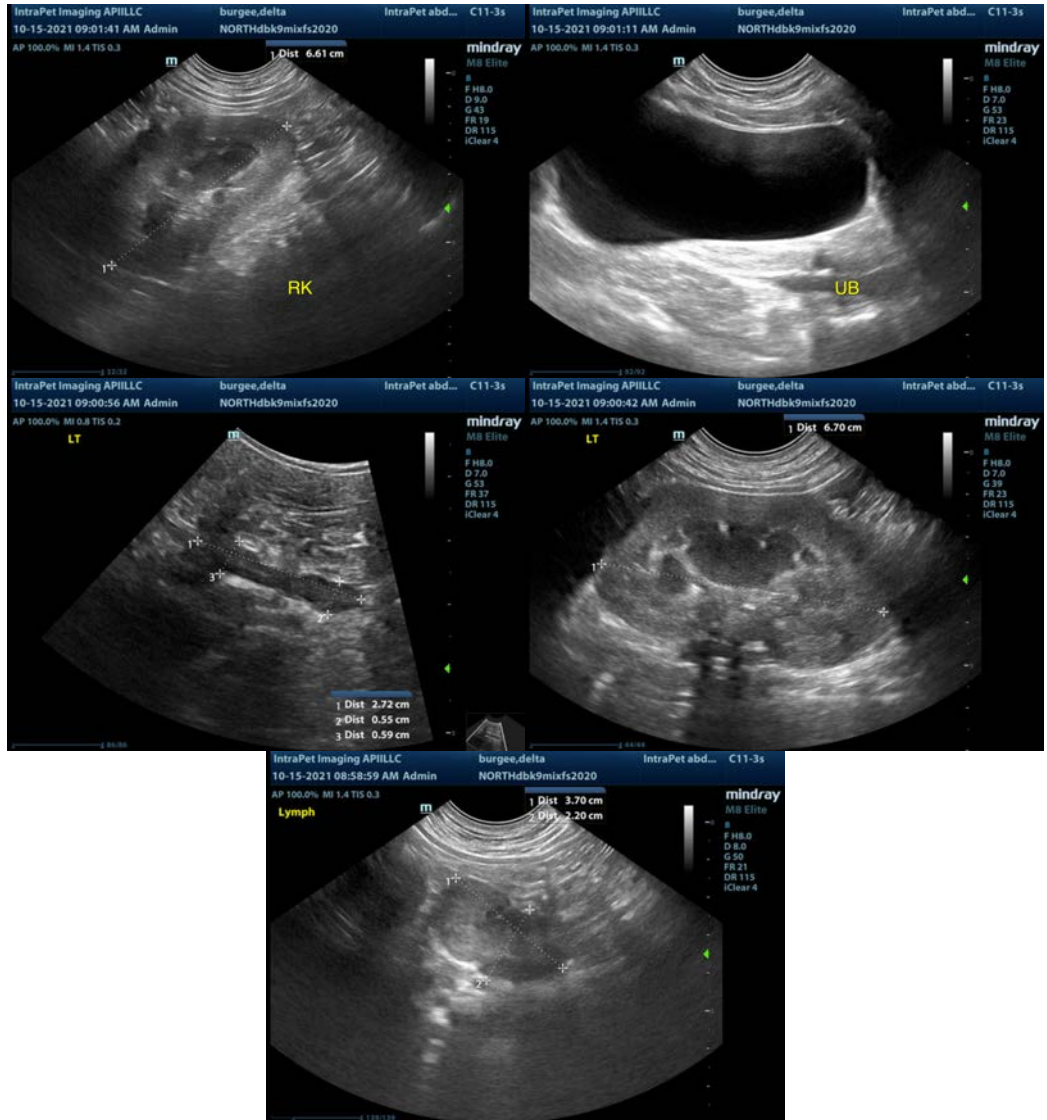
The small intestine is moderately fluid dilated and hypermotile. This is concerning for possible foreign material or partial obstruction, but no evidence of this was observed. This can be difficult to pick up on ultrasound depending on the type of material present. Alternately, this could be severe enteritis with subsequent diarrhea. If blood work evaluation including ACTH stimulation test is normal, then consider primary causes of vomiting and diarrhea including GI parasitism, dietary indiscretion, mild pancreatitis, bacterial dysbiosis, food allergy, IBD, and less likely intestinal neoplasia.

If primary GI disease is suspected in young patients with acute signs, I would most strongly consider dietary indiscretion, ingestion of foreign material, Gi parasitism, Addison's disease and pancreatitis, acute colitis/gastroenteritis. Serial radiographs for evaluation of progressive obstruction/partial obstruction/foreign material is warranted.

Recommend symptomatic therapy and close monitoring, if symptoms persist, re-evaluate and consider surgery/endoscopy to obtain biopsies and evaluate for foreign material.

Additionally, the spleen is prominent and mottled, and there is a large mesenteric lymph node. You could consider a fine needle aspirate of these two areas if the patient is not responding to symptomatic therapy.





The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. 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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