

**DATE**

10/7/21

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: Worsening urinary incontinence, PU/PD.

Current Medications: Enrofloxacin 68mg.

Lab Results: Attached.

**PATIENT**

Radiographs: N/A

Ane Randall

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.

Sedation: Not needed.

Stat Report: Not requested.

**SPECIES**

Canine

**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.

**BREED**

Shiba Inu

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (3.74 cm). Overall echogenicity is slightly hyperechoic with poor corticomedullary distinction and a typical 1:3 cortex:medulla ratio. There is no evidence of perinephric inflammation or effusion. A cortical cyst was visualized. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

**SEX**

Spayed Female

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (4.02 cm). Overall echogenicity is slightly hyperechoic with poor 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, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

**AGE**

2007

**WEIGHT**

16.4 lbs

**Adrenal Glands**

The left adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.59 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 0.41 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.

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**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.

**REFERRING VET**

Dr. DeLozier

**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 gallbladder 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.

**INVOICE**

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### ***Gastrointestinal***

The stomach contains minimal luminal contents. The gastric wall and particularly gastric mucosa appear somewhat prominent and hyperechoic measuring 0.98 cm (normal is less than 0.7) with some variability due to the presence of rugal folds. The distinction of the gastric wall layers is abnormal. There is 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. The duodenum measured as normal (0.35 cm) and the jejunum measured as normal (0.23 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. There is mildly prominent mesenteric lymph node is visualized at 0.53 cm. There was no evidence of a caudal aortic thrombus at the bifurcation. The omentum is of normal uniform echogenicity.

## **ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

### **PRIMARY FINDINGS:**

- Decreased corticomedullary distinction in both kidneys. Mild loss of corticomedullary distinction in both kidneys could be consistent with chronic degenerative disease or interstitial nephrosis.
- Prominent mucosal layer of the stomach with subjective gastric wall thickening. The stomach wall thickening could be consistent with inflammation, edema, infiltrative neoplasia, imaging artifact due to rugal folds, other.

### **SECONDARY FINDINGS:**

- Mild mesenteric lymphadenopathy. The prominent abdominal lymph nodes are most consistent with reactive lymphadenitis or lymphoid hyperplasia. Neoplastic infiltration is considered less likely.

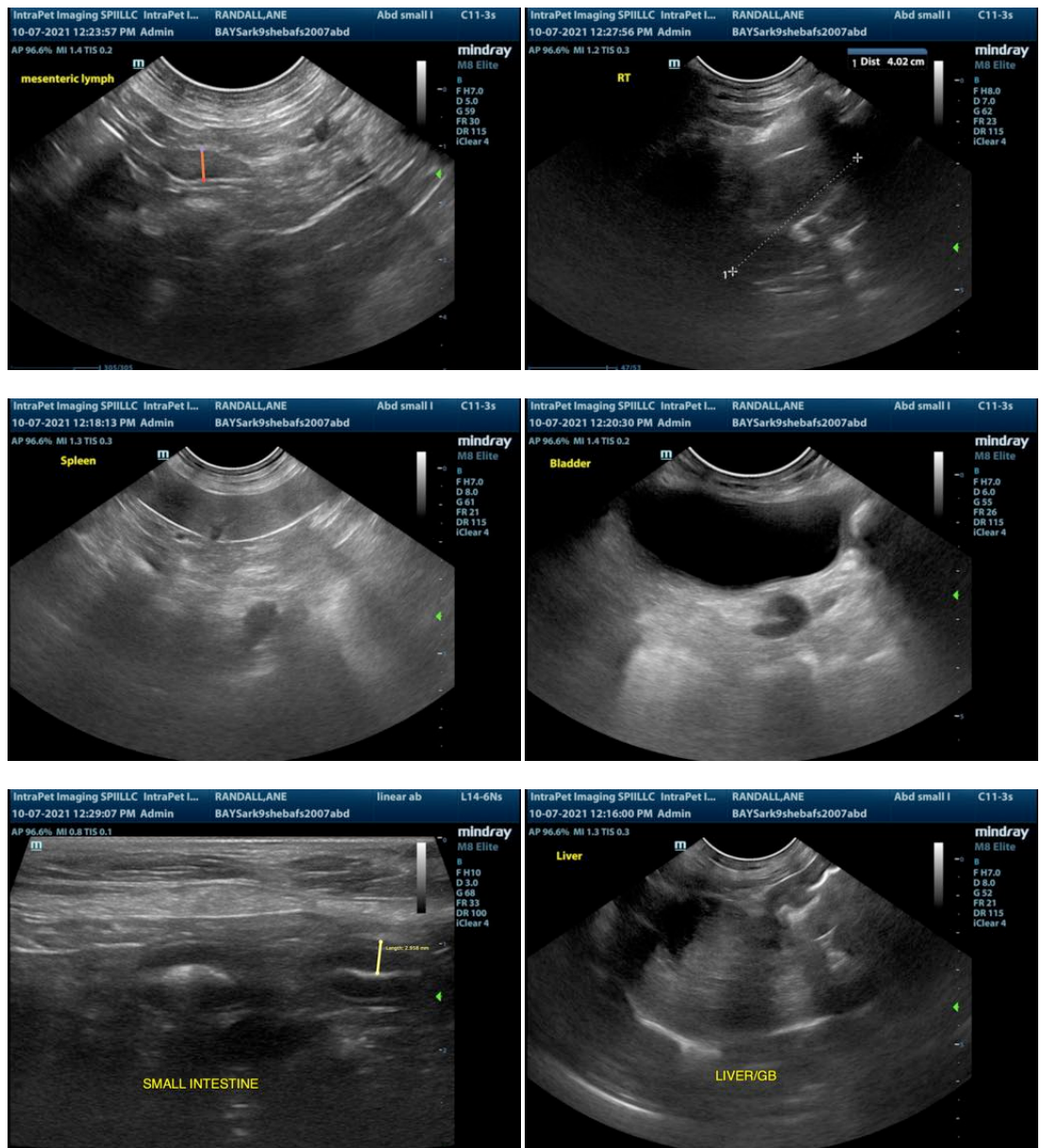
## **INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

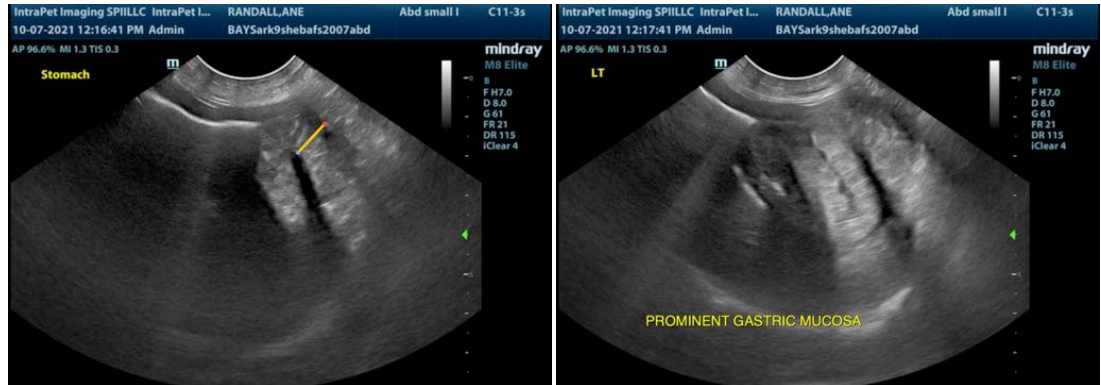
The changes visualized in the kidneys are consistent with the renal changes reported in the history. No significant focal lesions consistent with an obstruction or obvious infection are noted. These are likely age related progressive changes.

- Close evaluation of history for possible toxic changes examine medications, diet, dietary indiscretion etc.
- Urinalysis/culture to look for underlying infection
- Blood pressure evaluation

- Urine protein:creatinine ratio to look for proteinuria
- PCR on urine/serum for leptospirosis (if not on antibiotics)/serology if recent antibiotic history
- If symptomatic renal disease (poor appetite, weight loss, etc.) consider nausea medications, medications for uremic gastritis, etc.

Additionally the stomach wall appears prominent and somewhat thickened. The significance of this is unclear as there are no overt GI signs. This could be consistent with uremic gastropathy, but the uremia was relatively mild when last checked. Options moving forward include continue monitoring or biopsy of the stomach wall. I recommend three view thoracic radiographs.





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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