

**PATIENT**

Bailey McMullen

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Chief Concern / Provisional Diagnosis: ~recently decreased energy level, just doesn't seem to be feeling like herself. appetite normal, weight stable, no coughing/vomiting/diarrhea~ Relevant Medical History and Physical Exam findings: ~most recent PE NSF~ Recent Diagnostics: Relevant Laboratory Results / Abnormalities: ~hypoglycemia (suspect spurious), azotemia (creat 1.7, BUN 40), hyperglobulinemia (4.3), elevated AST (97), elevated CK (1351)~ Current medications (include full name, dosage and frequency): ~none~ Relevant Radiograph Findings(email radiographs if available): ~none~

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Golden Retriever

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**Urinary System**

**SEX**

Spayed Female

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.

**AGE**

13 Years 3 Months

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (4.7 cm) with moderate pyelectasia at 0.43 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.

**WEIGHT**

36.6 Pounds

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (5.0 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.

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**Adrenal Glands**

The left adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.76 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.

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The right adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.81 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.

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**Liver**

The liver is subjectively normal/borderline small 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.

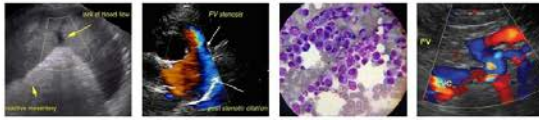
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The gall bladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall of the gall bladder is not thickened and has a smooth mucosal surface. There is a mild amount of non-organized echogenic debris. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not visible.

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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. The duodenum measured as normal (between 0.3-0.5cm in wall thickness) and the jejunum measured as normal (between 0.2-0.47cm.)

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Visualized peristalsis appears appropriate. There were no focal lesions consistent with obstruction or a mass effect observed.

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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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**Other**

A brief view of the heart was submitted. No pericardial effusion was seen.

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**PRIMARY FINDINGS**

- Decreased corticomedullary distinction in both kidneys and left-sided pyelectasia – Mild loss of corticomedullary distinction in both kidneys could be consistent with chronic degenerative disease or interstitial nephrosis. Pyelectasia of the left kidney could be consistent with pyelonephritis, chronic renal disease, secondary to PU/PD or fluid therapy (if applicable), other.
- Moderate gallbladder debris – The significance of the aggregated gallbladder sludge is unclear. This could represent an early mucocele, cholestasis, or may be secondary to fasting.

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**SECONDARY FINDINGS**

- Borderline small liver – This may be an incidental finding, but if liver enzymes are elevated or liver disease is suspected, you could consider a liver function test to further evaluate.

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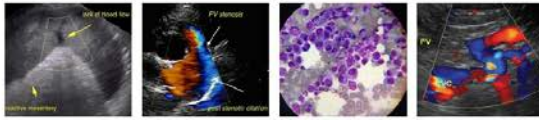
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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

The primary changes observed on today's scan are consistent with chronic progressive renal disease. Additionally, there is some dilation of the left kidney, which could be an indicator of pyelonephritis. I do not visualize and obstruction or an alternative reason for the dilation, but this should be monitored.

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- Recommend blood pressure evaluation.
- Recommend urinalysis and urine culture.
- If can be tolerated based on GI issues, consider a renal diet.
- Consider a urine protein/creatinine ratio.

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It is unclear if this level of azotemia is severe enough to be causing the symptoms noted, but in some dogs this would cause some decrease in appetite, activity, etc. Recommend symptomatic treatment for the symptoms of renal disease (nausea, hyperacidity, etc.) and see if there is any evidence of improvement. Otherwise, recommend close continued monitoring for the possibility of additional symptoms/lab abnormalities. Recommend 3-view thoracic radiographs.

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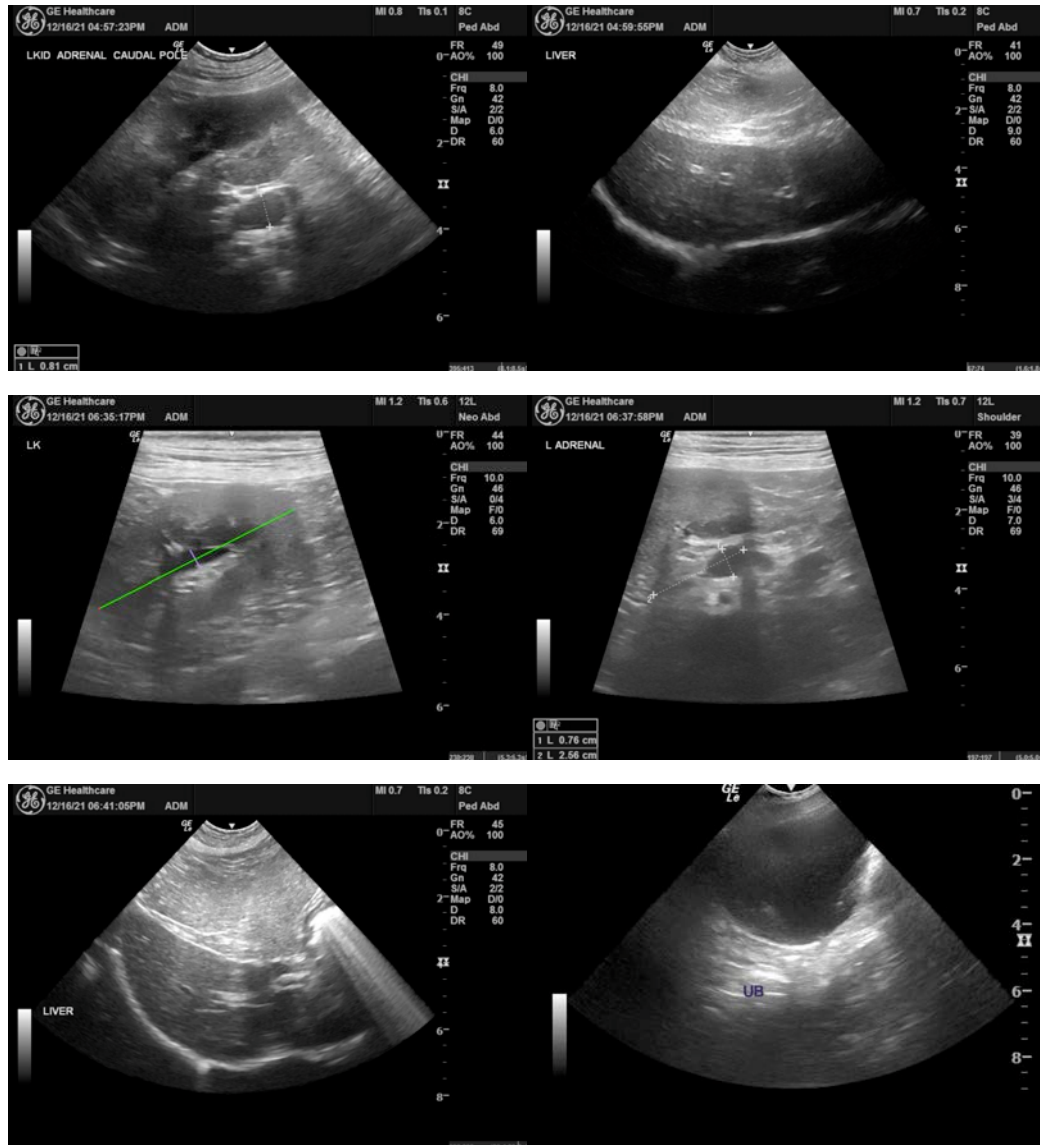
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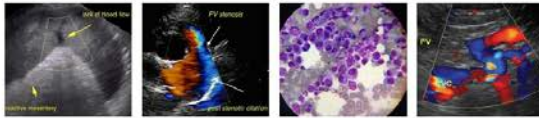
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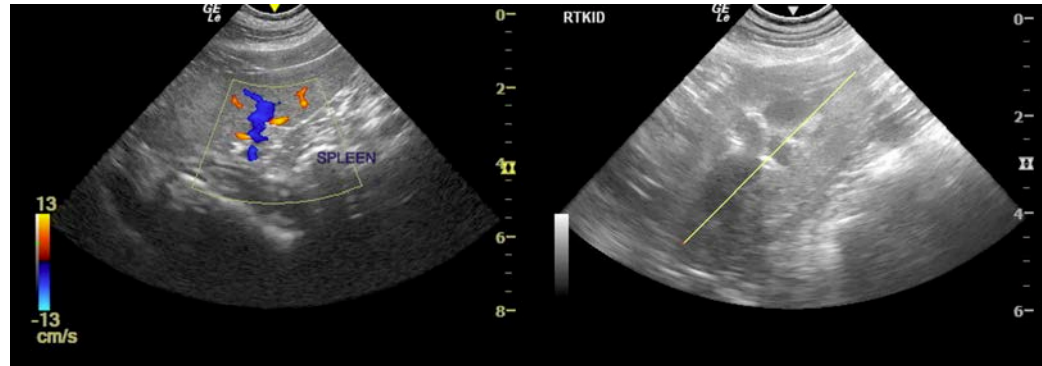
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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