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Zoe Martin

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Lab Mix

SEX

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AGE

11 years 1 month

WEIGHT

53 lbs

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Clinical signs: Systemic hypertension, proteinuria History: Recent lab work revealed proteinuria. UPC of 1. Doppler blood pressure high around 200. Ultrasound to assess for cause of hypertension and elevated UPC. Current medications: Enalapril 10 mg PO q24h, Simparica Trio Butorphanol to facilitate ultrasound.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Physical exam: Moderate dental tartar, suspect complicated fracture of 208, BCS 5/9, otherwise relatively normal exam Lab work: 10/3/25 senior labs Chem: Glucose 56 (L, r/o artefact), Triglycerides 294 (barely increased, post prandial sample), rest wnl CBC: wnl T4 1.4 wnl UA: USG 1.046, pH 7, prot 3+, RBC 2-3 hpf (cysto), No bacteria/crystals Accuplex neg x 4 UPC 1 11/6/25 BP and glucose avg 200, started on enalapril glucose normal 112 12/4/25 BP avg 180, enalapril dose being increased Renal profile pending.

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 (6.5 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.

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (6.33 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 0.59 cm at the cranial pole and 0.67 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 0.63 cm at the caudal pole (the cranial pole is not clearly visualized.) 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 (2.28 cm) and the echotexture is homogenous. The splenic capsule is smooth with no visible irregularities. The blood flow through the hilus and splenic parenchyma appears normal. There is a hypoechoic irregular nodule in the tail of the spleen measuring 1.04 cm x 1.58 cm.

Liver



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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.

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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 mild fluid. 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 (0.6 cm in wall thickness) and the jejunum measured as normal (0.36 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

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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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Hypoechoic nodule in the tail of 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.
- 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's a small, hypoechoic nodule visualized in the tail of the spleen. This could represent a benign lesion or an early neoplastic lesion. Options moving forward would include a fine needle aspirate or continued monitoring with ultrasound.

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There's some mild debris visualized in the gallbladder. At this time this is likely incidental.



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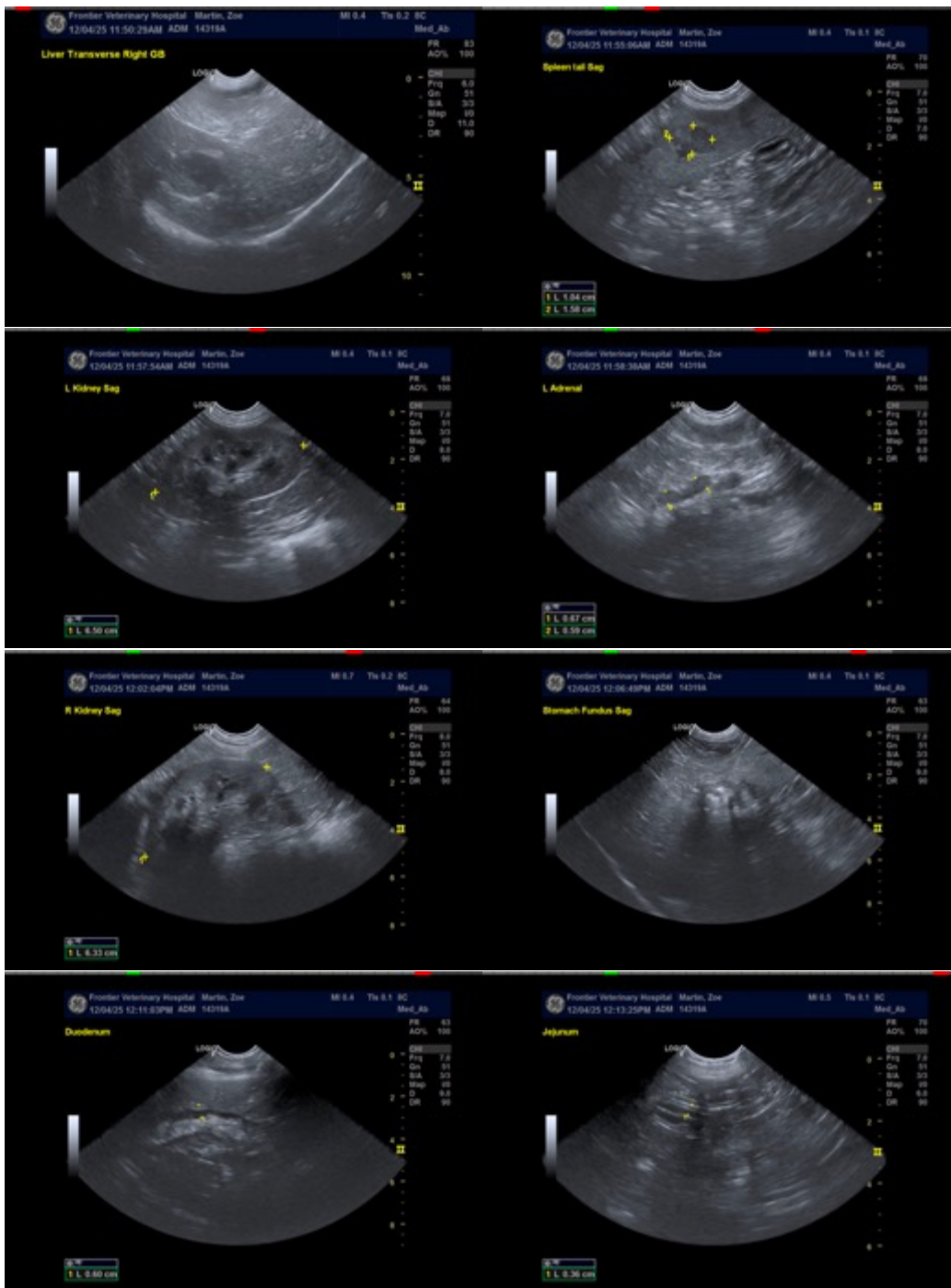
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A definitive cause for the hypertension is not visualized. Cranial pole of the right adrenal is not clearly visualized, but a large mass effect is unlikely. If you are having trouble managing the hypertension, consider adding in a second medication, as often dogs require more than one medication to control hypertension.





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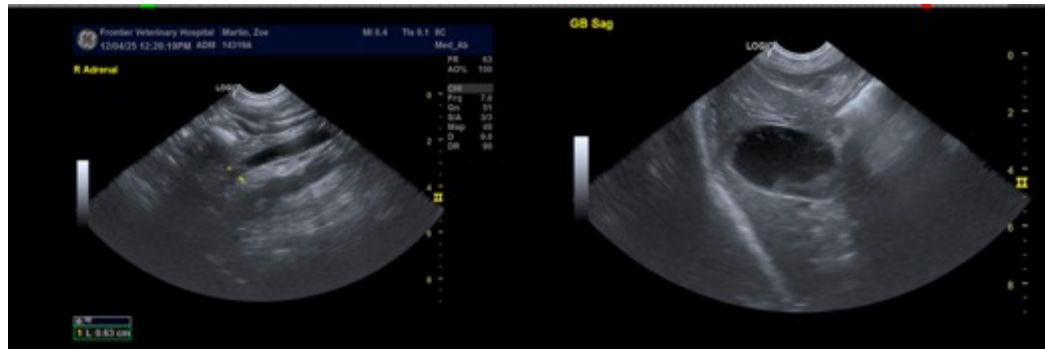
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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