

**DATE**

2/15/22

PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Was noted to vomit 10x on Wednesday - evaluated 2/10: mild SDMA elevation, low K - not obvious obstruction on rads - sent home with omeprazole, gabapentin, metronidazole, and proviable. Known eater of things - today: noted on ring camera that construction workers at the house left a bucket of fabulosa + dry wall + other that patient was noted to drink out of twice Started having diarrhea recently - today was noted to have some blood Presented to homeward bound: - One episode of vomiting undigested chicken - BW: WNL - Rads: no obvious obstruction per owner - discussed potential for something in the rectum, recommended U/S - Treatments: IV fluids, pantoprazole, cerenia.

PATIENT

Koda Dicocco

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Husky mix

Current Medications: Amp/Sulb (Unasyn) 1.5gm injection (per mL), Acepromazine 10mg/mL injection, Buprenorphine 0.6mg/mL.

Lab Results: PCV= 42 (37-55), TS= 7.0 (5-8).

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound:

Sedation: Not required to complete full diagnostic ultrasound.

Stat Report: Not requested.

Imaging Performed By: Rachel Brillhart, RDMS.

SEX

Neutered male

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.

AGE

2/10/20

The prostate is normal in size and shape for this neutered male dog. The parenchyma is homogenous and the external margins are smooth. The prostatic urethra appears normal with no evidence of irregularity, invasion, mass effect or calculi.

WEIGHT

79 lbs

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (7.39 cm). 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, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

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HOSPITAL NAME

Animal Emergency
Hospital

Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 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.

REFERRING VET

Dr. Nacke-Horney

The right adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.61 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 The spleen echotexture is heterogenous and subjectively 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.

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. 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.

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 (0.42 cm) and the jejunum measured as normal (0.39 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 prominent and mottled compared to the surrounding isoechoic 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 are occasional, prominent, mesenteric lymph nodes. The largest of which measured 1.18 cm in diameter. The omentum is of normal uniform echogenicity.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

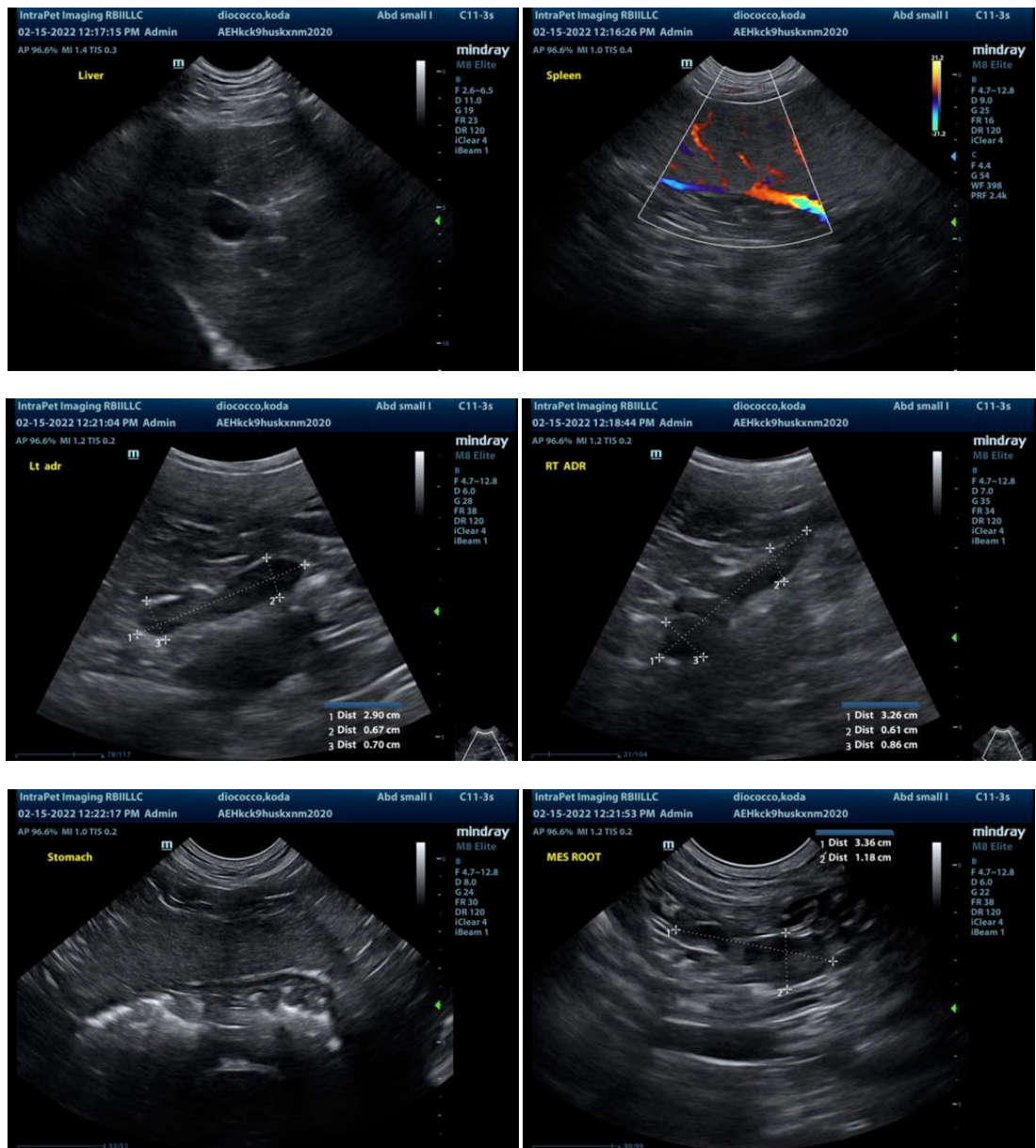
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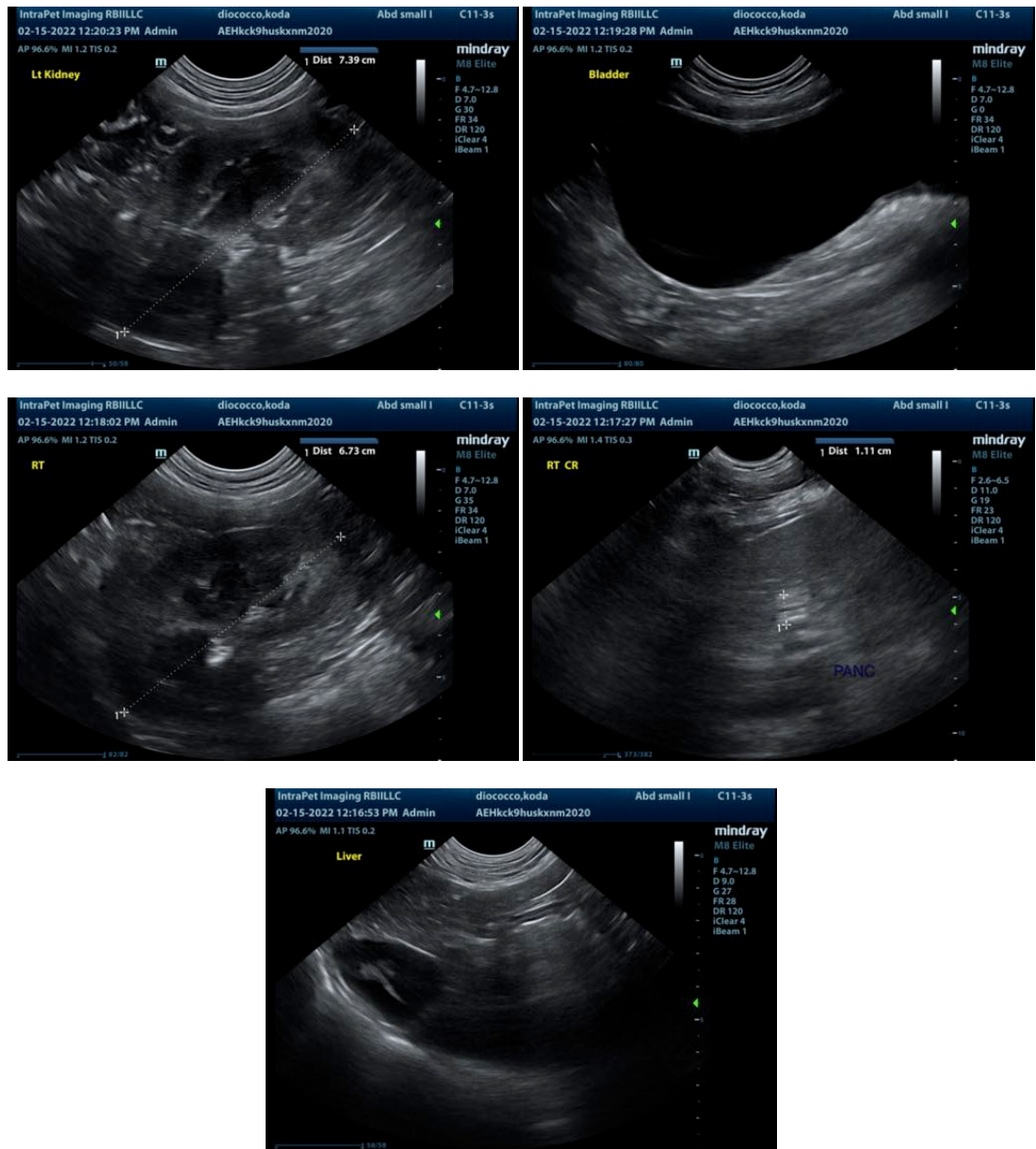
- Subjectively mottled spleen. The diffuse splenic changes are non-specific and could be consistent with lymphoid hyperplasia, extramedullary hematopoiesis, infiltrative neoplasia, inflammation, other. Cytology or histopathology would be necessary to get a definitive diagnosis.
- Mildly mottled pancreas. The pancreatic changes are most consistent with age-related parenchymal remodeling, potentially secondary to a prior inflammatory episode, early fibrosis or chronic pancreatitis.
- Prominent mesenteric lymph node. The prominent abdominal lymph nodes are most consistent with reactive lymphadenitis or lymphoid hyperplasia. Neoplastic infiltration is considered less likely. This can be a normal finding in young dogs.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Today's scan was relatively normal for a young dog. Unfortunately there are many causes for vomiting which cannot be diagnosed by ultrasound along. The pancreas appeared subjectively mottled. This is a very subtle finding and may not be significant. If the illness persists you can consider a FNA of the spleen. Additionally the pancreas is somewhat prominent, which could be consistent with mild inflammation or a previous episode of inflammation. You can consider a GI panel to Texas A&M for a qualitative PLI, TLI, cobalamin and folate to further evaluate the pancreas and small intestine.

There is no evidence of an obstructive pattern, but unfortunately ultrasound cannot definitively rule out the possibility of the foreign material. Correlate these findings with radiographs. If vomiting persists serial imaging may be necessary. Hopefully this is a case of gastroenteritis due to dietary indiscretion.





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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