



**PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

**Cash Jones**  
History: Cash got into his bag of dog food on March 18th and since then has experienced vomiting and weight loss. Inappetence. Bloodwork was normal. meds: cerenia, Pepcid AC  
Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results:

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Canine

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**Urinary System**

**BREED**

French Bulldog

The urinary bladder is mildly distended with anechoic urine. The Bladder wall is normal in thickness and the mucosal surface is slightly irregular. The area of the 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 findings are most consistent with mild cystitis or lack of urine distension.

**SEX**

Neutered male

The left kidney has a normal shape and size. 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. The kidney measured 5.03 cm in length.

**AGE**

3 years

The right kidney has a normal shape and size. 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. The right kidney measured 4.41cm in length.

**WEIGHT**

16 pounds

The prostate is normal in size (1.0 cm) 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.

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**Adrenal Glands**

The left adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.43 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 0.57 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 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 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.

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**Gastrointestinal**

The stomach contains a moderate to large amount of heavily shadowing luminal material. It measures at a normal thickness of <0.7cm with some variability due to the presence of rugal folds. The



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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 largely 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.) Visualized peristalsis appears appropriate. In some images there is shadowing material within the proximal small intestine. No visible obstructive pattern is visualized. Findings are concerning for ingesta or ingested foreign material.

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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**

Neutered male

The pancreas is prominent and hypoechoic as 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.

**AGE**

**Free Abdomen**

3 years

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**

- Large hard shadowing material visualized in the gastric lumen. Correlate with feedings history and abdominal radiographs. If adequately fasted, then consider such differentials as delayed gastric emptying or a partial outflow tract obstruction (none visualized).
- Shadowing material within the small intestine. Correlate with radiographs and feeding history, findings could be consistent with passing ingesta or ingested foreign material.
- Prominent hypoechoic pancreas. The pancreatic changes are most consistent with age-related parenchymal remodeling, potentially secondary to a prior inflammatory episode, early fibrosis or chronic pancreatitis.

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

There is a moderate to large amount of hard shadowing material visualized within the gastric lumen. If this patient was adequately fasted, consider the possibility of ingested foreign material. Correlate these findings with abdominal radiographs. Additionally, there a few views of shadowing material within the small intestinal lumen, there is no overt obstructive pattern, but this is concerning for either passing ingesta or foreign material.

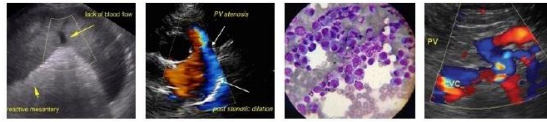
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If the likelihood of a gastric foreign body is thought very low based on history and additional imaging, then consider a quantitative PLI to further evaluated the pancreas as the changes observed are consistent with either mild current pancreatitis or a previous episode of pancreatitis.

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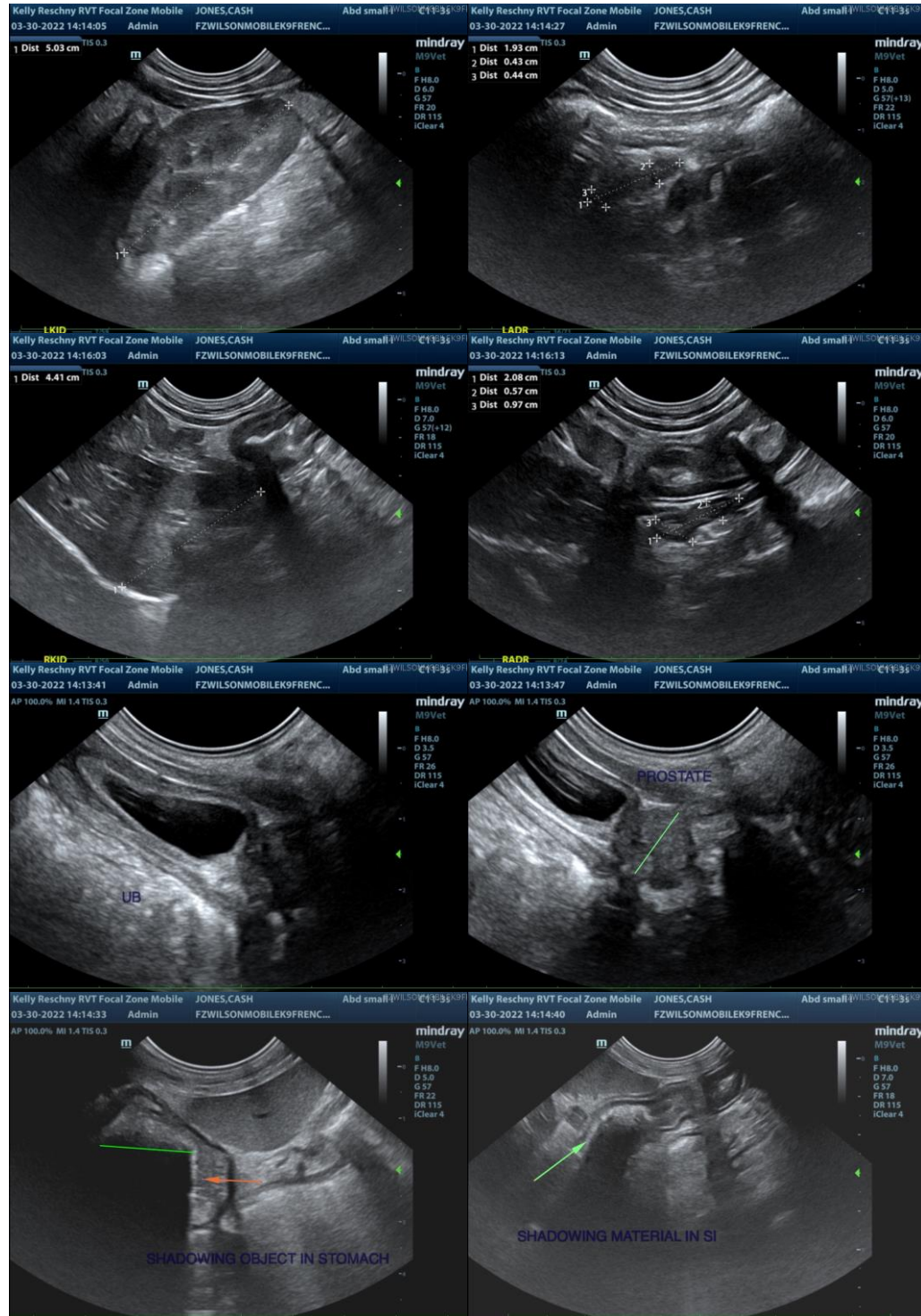
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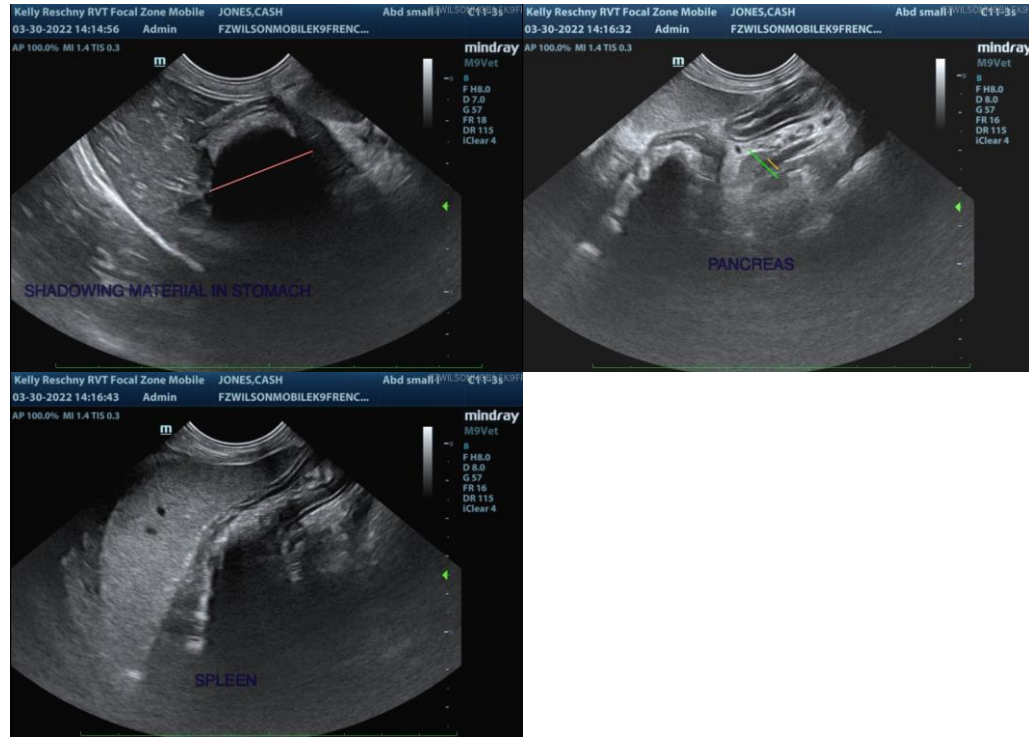
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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