



## PATIENT

Tuna Santos

## PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

## SPECIES

Canine

Weightloss of almost 1# in two months. Vomiting 2-3x a week for ~2 months. Vomiting food @ 2-3am then bile 2-3 hours later. Will vomit bile at random times throughout the day. Defecates ~ 9-10x a day normal stools. Unable to hold urine for more than 1-2 hours. UA unremarkable. Preprandial bile acids elevated @ 23.3 Postprandial bile acids elevated @ 61.6. TBIL elevated @ 1.5. CBC/chem otherwise unremarkable. I attached her recent x-rays

## BREED

Terrier

## 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

4 Years

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (3.65 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 hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

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10.1 Pounds

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (3.99 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 hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

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### Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.42 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 region of the right adrenal (between right cranial kidney and vena cava) is unremarkable, but the adrenal is not distinctly visualized. 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 small in size, with normal echogenicity and 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 is moderately dilated with fluid and irregular shadowing material most consistent with normal ingesta and gas. 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 layering 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.) Visualized peristalsis appears appropriate. There were no focal lesions consistent with obstruction or a mass effect observed.

## SEX

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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. There are occasional mild prominent mesenteric lymph nodes. One is measured at 0.35 cm and another at 0.47 cm. The omentum is of normal echogenicity

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- Small liver – The liver appears small, which can be an indicator of underlying hepatic disease (acquired or congenital).
- Moderate ingesta within the gastric lumen – Correlate with feeding history and abdominal radiographs. If the patient was adequately fasted, then consider delayed gastric emptying or a partial outflow tract obstruction as a differential (no outflow tract obstruction visualized).
- Mild mesenteric lymphadenopathy – The prominent abdominal lymph nodes are most consistent with reactive lymphadenitis or lymphoid hyperplasia. Neoplastic infiltration is considered less likely.

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

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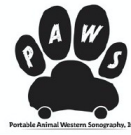
The liver appears subjectively small, but the portal vein appears appropriate in size with normal proximal branching. Based on the history, the bile acids are moderately elevated, so underlying liver disease is suspected. To further evaluate this issue, you could consider a contrast CT scan to look for a small shunt not identified on today's scan, portal hypoplasia, or other congenital vascular anomalies. Additionally, a liver biopsy may be necessary to look for evidence of microvascular dysplasia, fibrosis, inflammation, etc.

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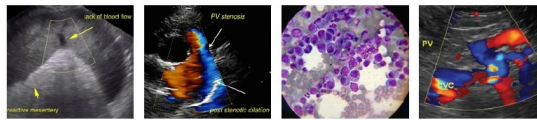
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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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