

PATIENT

Apollo Smith

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Boxer

SEX

Intact Male

AGE

8 Years 2 Months

WEIGHT

83.1 lbs

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

BCS 3/9. Hx of possible acid reflux, drooling. DDZ present, BW wnl.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: WNL

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 prostate is large, hyperechoic and mottled, measuring 4.58 cm in width.

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (7.7 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 (7.07 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 0.62 cm at the cranial pole and 0.66 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 is visualized.

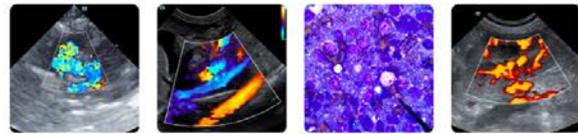
Spleen

The spleen is subjectively normal in size (2.19 cm), echotexture is homogenous, and the splenic capsule is smooth with no irregularities. The blood flow through the hilus and splenic parenchyma appears normal. There is very subtle mottling/poorly defined hypoechoic nodules in the parenchyma. Examples measure 0.66 cm x 0.42 cm and 0.63 cm x 0.78 cm.

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 gall bladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall of the gall bladder is not thickened and has a smooth mucosal surface. Luminal contents are mild and likely incidental at this time. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not visible.



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Gastrointestinal

The stomach contains moderate fluid/shadowing ingesta. 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. Intraluminal fluid and shadowing ingesta interfere with full evaluation of the stomach in some areas.

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. Duodenum wall measures 0.56 cm. Jejunum wall measures 0.34 cm. Visualized peristalsis appears appropriate. There were no focal lesions consistent with obstruction or a mass effect observed.

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 area of 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.

Free Abdomen

Evaluation of the peritoneal cavity did not reveal any evidence of effusion. No significant lymphadenopathy noted. The omentum is of normal echogenicity.

Other

Both testicles are visualized and appear within normal limits.

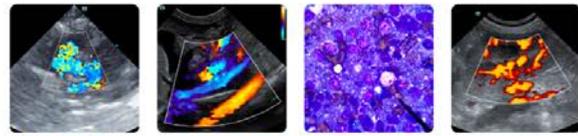
The right auricle and pericardium were visualized and were unremarkable. No obvious pathology is visualized. If cardiac function evaluation is desired a full echocardiogram is warranted.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Large, hyperechoic, mottled prostate – Findings are most consistent with benign prostatic hypertrophy +/- prostatitis.
- Subtle, poorly defined hypoechoic nodules in the spleen – There are several, non-cavitated, hypoechoic splenic nodules visualized. Differentials include lymphoid hyperplasia, extramedullary hematopoiesis, infiltrative neoplasia, inflammation, other. Cytology or histopathology would be necessary to get a definitive diagnosis.
- Moderate fluid/ingesta visualized within the gastric lumen – Correlate with the feeding history. If the patient was adequately fasted, this could represent delayed gastric emptying.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

A lesion responsible for the reported drooling is not evident on today's exam. The stomach is moderately fluid and ingesta distended. If the patient was adequately fasted, this could represent delayed gastric emptying. Consider repeat imaging (radiographs +/- ultrasound) with a more prolonged fast. If delayed gastric emptying is strongly suspected, you could consider further workup for a gastroenteropathy.



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There are very subtle poorly defined irregular hypoechoic nodules in the spleen. The significance of this is uncertain. Options at this time would include continued monitoring with ultrasound and/or a fine needle aspirate.

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The prostate is large and hyperechoic, as would be expected for an intact male dog. If further evaluation is desired, you could consider a urine culture, looking for any evidence of prostatitis.

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Consider an anesthetized oral exam, looking for a cause of drooling. If none is identified, further workup for gastrointestinal issues could be considered (hypoallergenic diet, GI panel, upper GI endoscopy, etc.).

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Additionally consider 3-view thoracic radiographs, looking for any evidence of esophageal dilation or other abnormalities.

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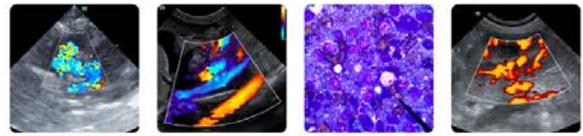
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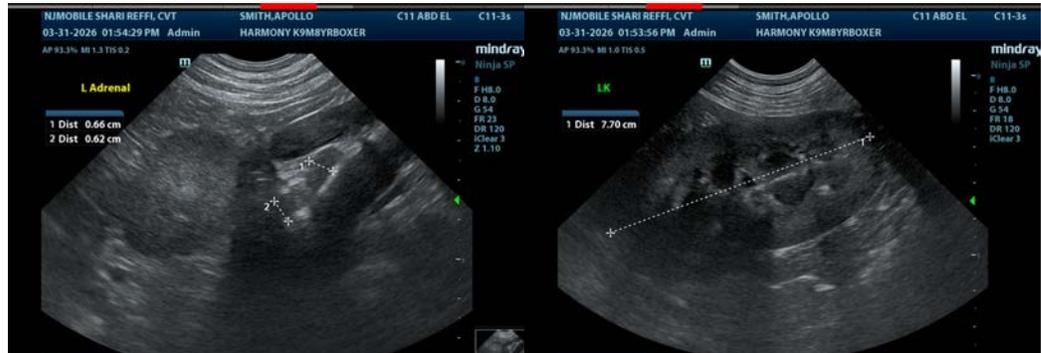
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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