



**PATIENT**

Samantha Boswell

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Intermit vomiting and lethargy  
Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Pending

**SPECIES**

Canine

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**Urinary System**

**BREED**

German Shepherd

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.

**SEX**

Spayed Female

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (6.84 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.

**AGE**

4 Years

The right kidney was not clearly visualized.

**Adrenal Glands**

**WEIGHT**

81 Pounds

The left adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.62 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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**Spleen**

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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.

**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 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.

**Gastrointestinal**

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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.

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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. Jejunum wall measured 0.25 cm. Visualized peristalsis appears appropriate. There were no focal lesions consistent with obstruction or a mass effect observed.

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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. A prominent cranial abdominal lymph node was visualized measuring 1.09 cm. The omentum is of normal echogenicity.

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**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

- No significant ultrasonographic lesions are visualized.

**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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No focal bowel lesions are visualized. The pancreatic area appears normal, and the stomach does not appear dilated or distended. Unfortunately, there are many causes for vomiting and lethargy that cannot be diagnosed by ultrasound alone.

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- Consider metabolic causes based on baseline bloodwork, PLI testing, a baseline cortisol, and even a liver function test occasionally.
- If metabolic disease is thought unlikely, then consider primary GI causes such as dietary intolerance/food allergy, dietary indiscretion, GI foreign material, GI parasitism, dysbiosis, IBD, and less likely intestinal neoplasia.

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Consider a novel protein/hydrolyzed protein prescription diet, chronic probiotic therapy, empirical deworming (if not already done), supportive treatment for acute gastroenteritis, and if symptoms persist, then consider a GI panel to Texas A&M for a qualitative PLI, TLI, cobalamin and folate, serial imaging (radiographs +/- ultrasound), and possibly obtaining GI biopsies.

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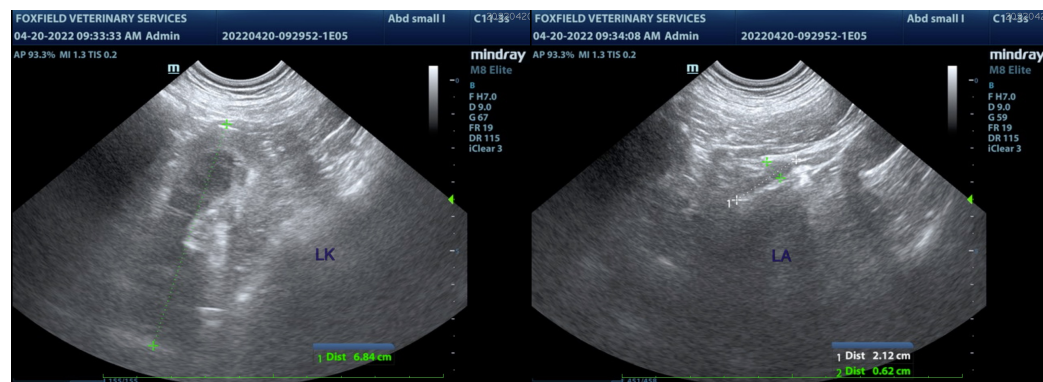
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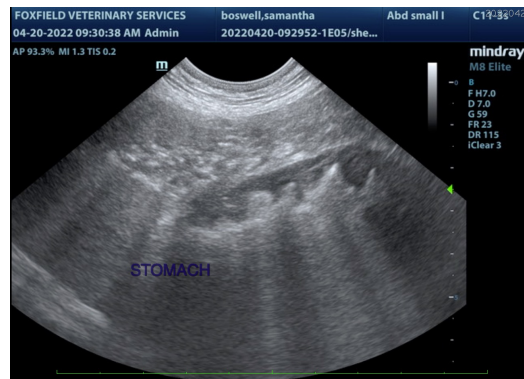
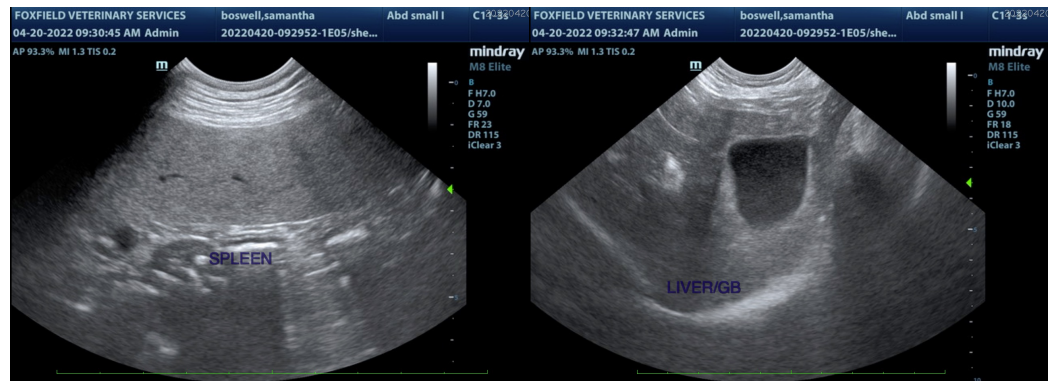
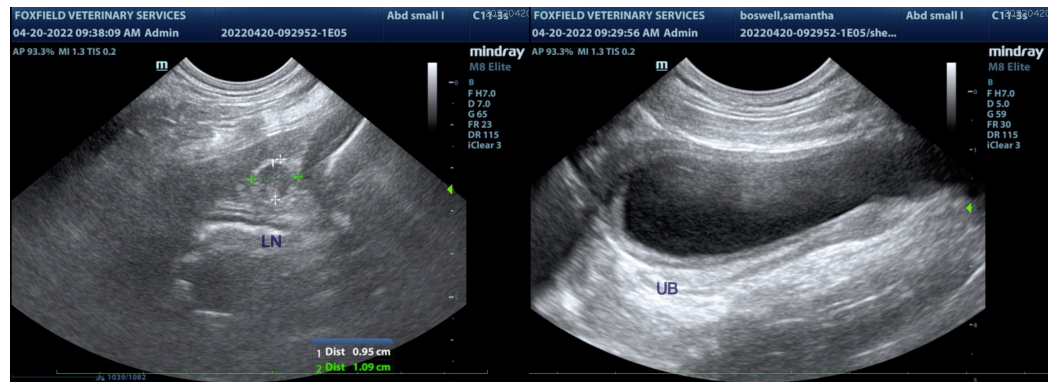
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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