



**DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

04/03/26 Patient History: Chronic vomiting for 1 month.

**PATIENT** Current Medications: Prilosec.

Tank Siejack

Labwork Results: Diagnostics attached, reported as: Small liver on x-ray.

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.

Sedation: Not required to complete full diagnostic ultrasound.

Stat Report: Not requested.

**SPECIES**

Imaging Performed by: Stephanie Warga RDCS, RVT.

Canine

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**BREED**

**Urinary System**

Lab

The urinary bladder is moderately distended with anechoic urine. The bladder wall, trigone, ureteral papillae and visible urethra (to a depth of 2.0 cm) appear normal with no evidence of wall thickening, mucosal irregularities, masses or cystic calculi.

**SEX**

Neutered Male

The prostate is normal in size (1.39 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.

**AGE**

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The left kidney has a normal shape and size (6.83 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.

**WEIGHT**

**INTERPRETED BY**

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (6.66 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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**Adrenal Glands**

**HOSPITAL NAME**

The left adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.58 cm at the cranial pole and 0.82 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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**REFERRING VET**

The right adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.81 cm at the cranial pole and 0.65 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.

Dr. Brockett

**Spleen**

**INVOICE**

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. The spleen measured 2.39 cm width.

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**Liver**

The liver is subjectively normal/borderline 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.

The gall bladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall of the gall bladder is not thickened and has a smooth mucosal surface. There is a moderate amount of non-organized echogenic debris. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not visible.

### ***Gastrointestinal***

The stomach contains mild gas. It measures at a normal thickness of <0.7 cm 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. The gastric wall measures 1.05 cm. Many areas of gastric wall appear somewhat thickened with reduced detail of wall layering and surrounding inflammation.

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 - 0.5 cm in wall thickness) and the jejunum measured as normal (0.22 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, 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.

## **ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

- Normal/borderline small liver- correlate with current liver values +/- liver function test.
- Moderate gallbladder debris- The significance of the aggregated gallbladder debris is unclear. This could represent an early mucocele, cholestasis, or may be secondary to fasting but seems unlikely to be causing a current issue. Recommend continued monitoring.
- Gastric wall thickening with reduced detail of wall layering and surrounding inflammation- findings are most consistent with severe gastritis. Infiltrative neoplasia could be an alternate differential.

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

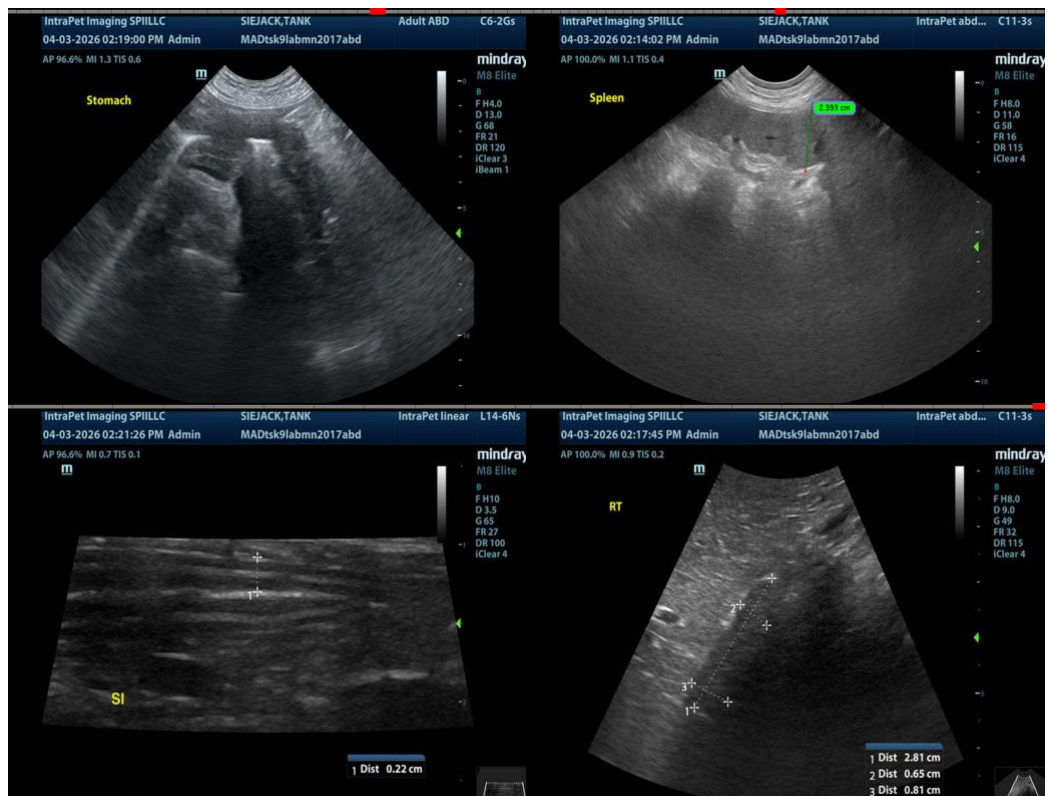
The stomach appears prominent with some areas exhibiting significant wall thickening and reduced detail of wall layering. Additionally, there is reactive mesentery in the cranial abdomen around the region of the stomach. These changes are concerning for significant gastritis, although infiltrative disease/ infiltrative

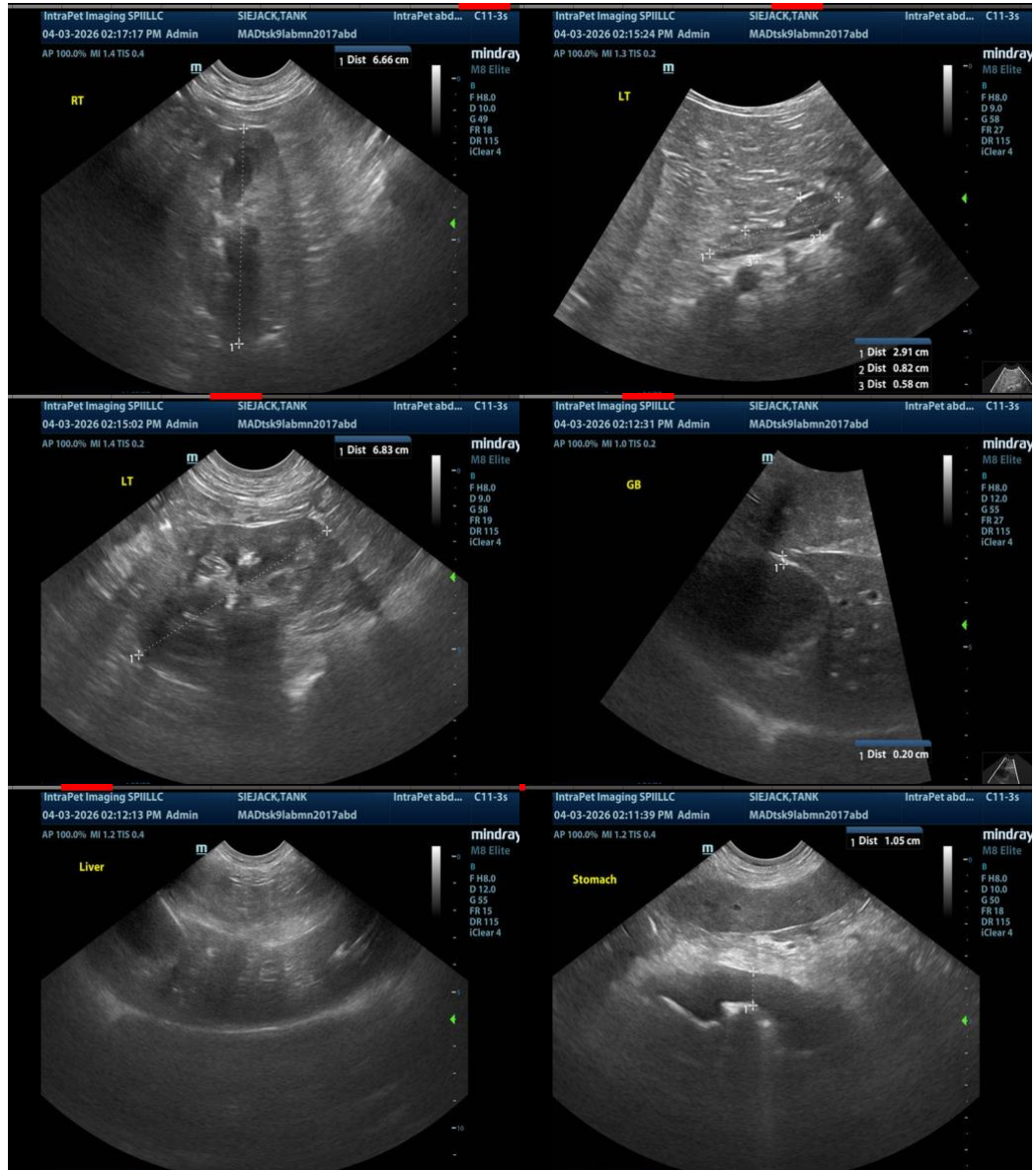
neoplasia is also a significant concern. Consider the following;

- Consider a novel protein/hydrolyzed protein diet (exclusively at least 4-6 weeks).
- If clinically appropriate, you could consider medical treatment for gastritis, including anti-ulcer therapy, helicobacter therapy, etc.
- Consider a fine needle aspirate of the gastric wall

If symptoms are persistent, ultimately further evaluation with GI biopsies may be warranted. This could include surgical evaluation and/or endoscopic evaluation.

The liver is subjectively small but otherwise appears normal. Consider pre and postprandial bile acids to assess liver function and better assess the significance of this observation.





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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