

**DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

6/29/22 Black outer sheen to stool (interior normal/not consistent with melena). History of eating mulberries. No diarrhea/vomiting. Proactive senior abdomen check. CBC/Chem10 normal (normal BUN)

**PATIENT**

Casey Ost  
 Current Medications: Started omeprazole and sucralfate proactively.  
 Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.  
 Sedation: Not required to complete full diagnostic ultrasound.  
 Stat Report: Not requested.

**SPECIES**

Canine

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN****Urinary System**

**BREED**  
 Labrador X  
 The urinary bladder is moderately distended with anechoic urine. The Bladder wall appears slightly diffusely thickened and irregular, measuring at 0.39 cm. The area of the trigone, ureteral papillae and visible urethra (to a depth of 2cm) appear free of any mass lesions or calculi.

**SEX**

Spayed Female

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (5.33 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**

1/18/11

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (5.3 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**

51.8 Pounds

**Adrenal Glands****INTERPRETED BY**

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The left adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.64 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 right adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.76 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. There is an ill-defined hyperechoic nodule within the parenchyma measuring 0.82 cm x 0.45 cm.

**HOSPITAL NAME**

Paradise AH

**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.

**REFERRING VET**

Dr. Riehl

**INVOICE**

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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**

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

rugul 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.

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.

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.

### ***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.

### ***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**

- Thickened, irregular bladder wall – The bladder mucosal changes could be consistent with cystitis or artifactual due to lack of adequate luminal distension. Bladder neoplasia cannot be ruled out but is considered unlikely in this patient.
- Hyperechoic nodule within the splenic parenchyma – This lesion trends toward a benign appearance. Recommend continued monitoring or fine needle aspirate.
- Moderate ingesta in the gastric lumen – Correlate with feeding history and abdominal radiographs. If the patient was appropriately fasted, consider such differentials as delayed gastric emptying or partial outflow tract obstruction (none observed).

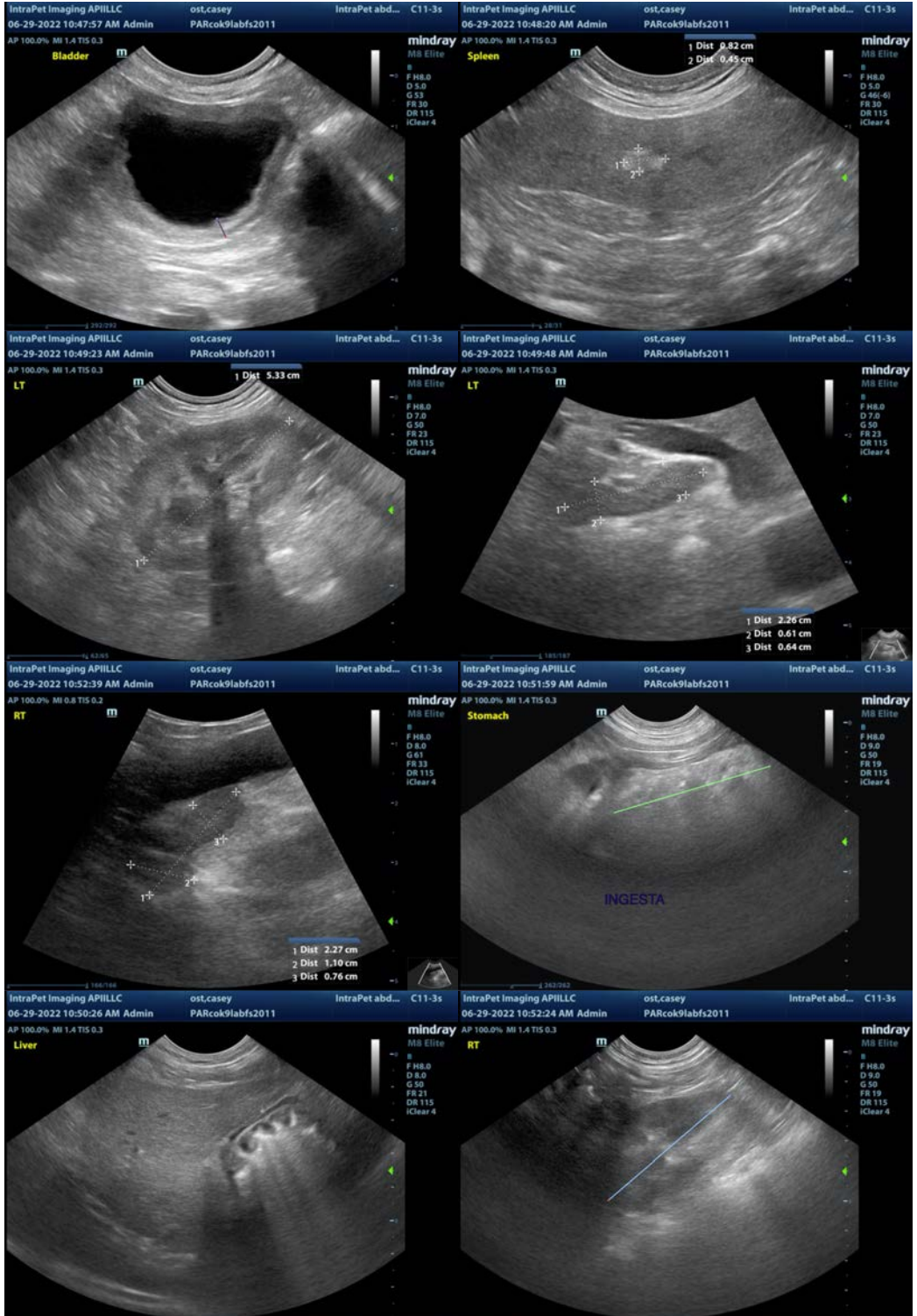
## **INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

The urinary bladder wall appears diffusely slightly thickened and irregular. These findings would be most consistent with cystitis or could be due to lack of urine distention. Recommend urinalysis and culture.

There is a small hyperechoic lesion within the splenic parenchyma. The appearance of this trends towards a more benign lesion, as it does not disrupt the splenic capsule. Recommend continued monitoring +/- fine needle aspirate.

There is a small amount of ingesta within the gastric lumen. Correlate with abdominal radiographs and feeding history.

The above described changes are relatively mild and could be within normal limits for a senior Labrador.



**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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