

**DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

7/18/23 PU/PD with USG 1.022, non regenerative mild anemia and inflammatory proteins.

**PATIENT**

Riley Taylor

Current Medications: None at this time but was on Vetprofen a few weeks ago for a soft tissue injury.  
Lab Results: See attached.

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.

Sedation: Not required to complete full diagnostic ultrasound.

Stat Report: Not requested.

**SPECIES**

Canine

Imaging Performed By: Stephanie Warga RDCS, RVT.

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN****BREED**

Irish Terrier

**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.

**SEX**

Neutered Male

The prostate is normal in size (1.0 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**

10/30/12

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (6.13 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.

**WEIGHT**

43.6 Pounds

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (6.2 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.

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**Adrenal Glands**

The left adrenal gland is borderline small in size measuring 0.33 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.

**HOSPITAL NAME**

Chadwell AH

The right adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.45 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.

**REFERRING VET**

Dr. Weeks

**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 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 gallbladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall of the gall bladder is not thickened and has a smooth mucosal surface. Luminal contents are mild and primarily anechoic. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not visible.

### ***Gastrointestinal***

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.

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 measures 0.18 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 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. There are prominent iliac lymph nodes noted measuring 0.90 cm and 0.53 cm in diameter. The omentum is generally of normal echogenicity.

## **ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

- Borderline small adrenal glands – consider a baseline cortisol.
- Prominent/enlarged iliac lymph nodes – changes could be inflammatory, infectious, or early neoplastic. Recommend a digital rectal exam.

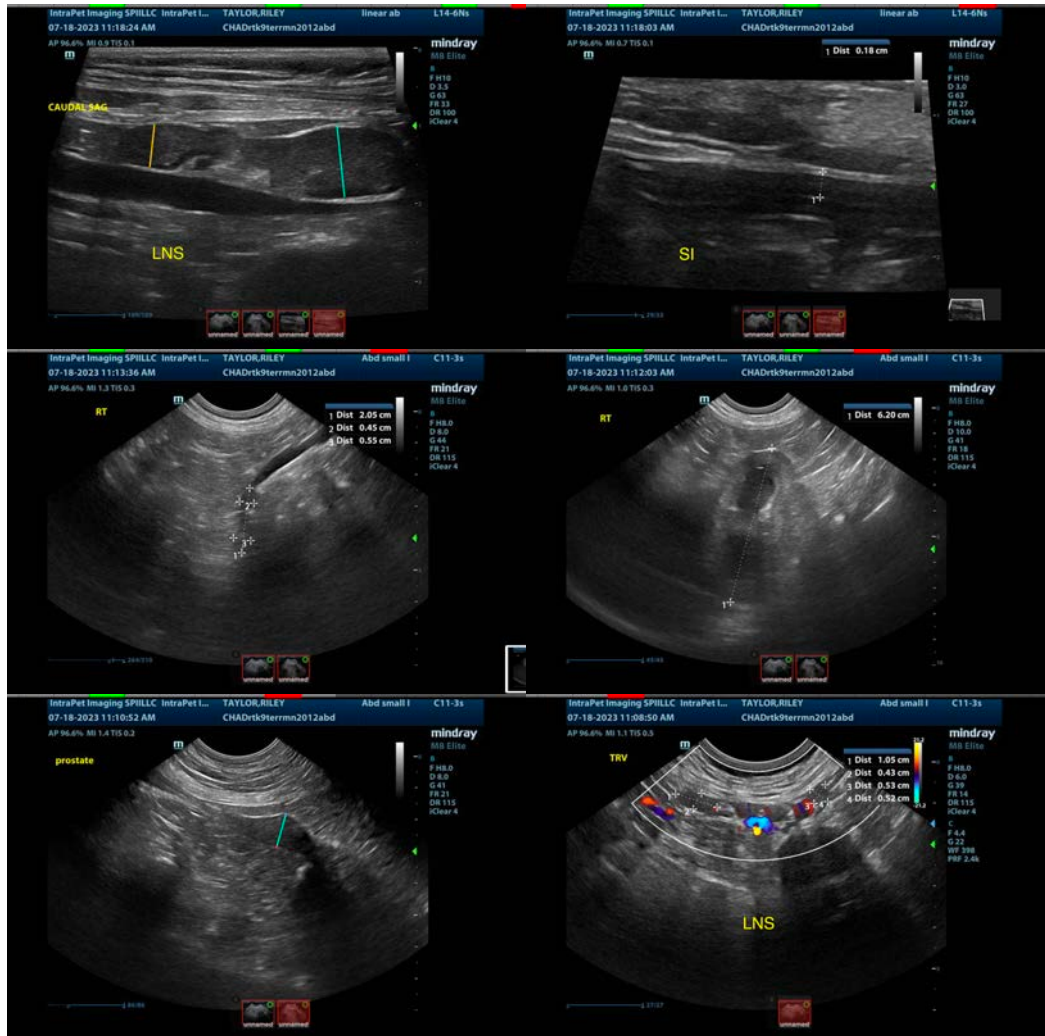
## **INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

The changes observed on today's scan are relatively mild. The adrenals are subjectively "flat". Although unlikely, a baseline cortisol could be considered to rule out Addison's. Additionally, the iliac lymph nodes are prominent, rounded, and enlarged. An obvious cause for this is not identified. Recommend a digital rectal exam to evaluate the anal glands and look for any lesions on the pelvic limbs. If unable to find a source for this enlargement, recommend close continued monitoring.

The peripheral lymphocyte count is slightly elevated. Recommend a pathologist review to look for any atypical lymphocytes and recommend continued monitoring. The albumin is low in this individual with a very mildly elevated globulin. At this point it is difficult to determine if this is a true hypoalbuminemia, or compensatory due to the very mildly elevated globulin level. If true hypoalbuminemia is present, I would consider a liver function test and evaluation of a urine protein to creatinine ratio to look for any evidence of proteinuria. Additionally, a GI panel can be helpful, looking for evidence of underlying gastrointestinal disease. There are no overt gastrointestinal lesions visualized on today's exam, but this cannot be definitively ruled out based on ultrasound alone.

If the globulin continues to elevate, you could consider a protein electrophoresis to try and further categorize this process.

Recommend three view thoracic radiographs to evaluate for possible concurrent thoracic disease/involvement.





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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