

**DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

8/31/21

Appetite Decreased, Diarrhea with Blood.

**PATIENT**

History: Date: 08-28-2021 Notes: Day before yesterday V+ white foam Yesterday D+ started, did not eat Continued to V+ whenever she drinks Lethargic.

Maggie Waller

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Miniature Australian Shepherd

**SEX**

Spayed Female

**AGE**

2015

**WEIGHT**

27.3 Pounds

**INTERPRETED BY**

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**HOSPITAL NAME**

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**REFERRING VET**

Dr. Jones

**INVOICE**

25111

Current Medications: O Provable Kit (15ml Paste + 10 Capsules) - cats / small dogs (per kit), O Provable Capsules, Vitamin B12 1,000mcg/mL Injection (Per mL), Omeprazole Capsules 10mg, Maropitant Citrate (Cerenia) Tablets 24mg, Gabapentin Capsules 100mg, Amoxicillin (Biomox) Tablets 200mg, Metronidazole Tablets 250mg, Diphenhydramine Capsules 25mg, O Fenbendazole Granules 20-40 lb/ 5 Packets

Lab Results: Attached

Radiographs: Abdomen 2 View- nsf

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous

Sedation: not needed

Stat Report: not requested

**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 left kidney has a normal shape and size (4.66 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.

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (4.78 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.

**Adrenal Glands**

The left adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.5 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 0.52 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.

**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.

**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 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. Duodenum wall measured 0.45 cm. Jejunum wall measured 0.32 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 mildly thickened at 0.34 cm. Sections of colon are visualized with liquid fecal material and gas shadowing distally. There is no observed focal 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***

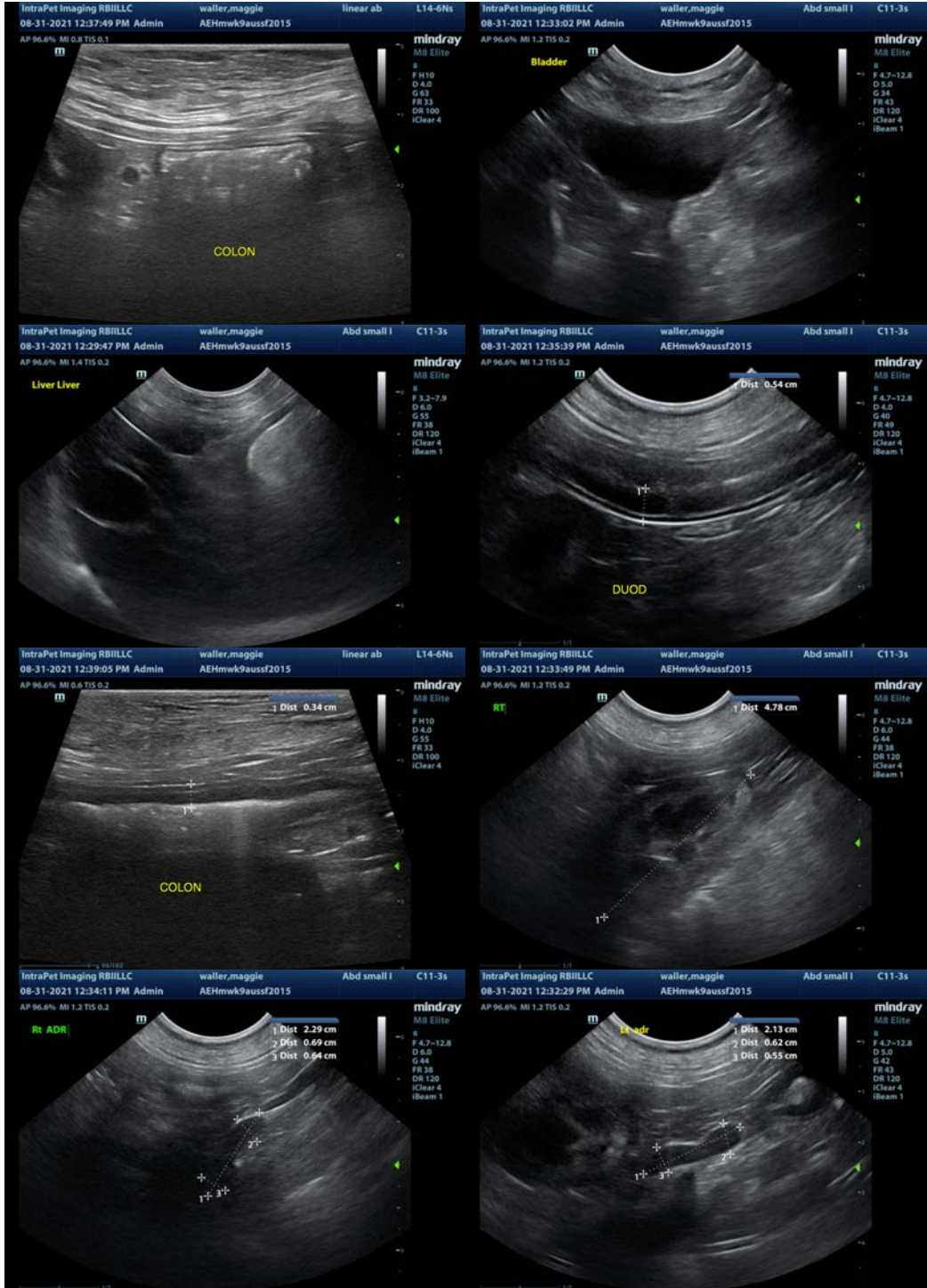
Evaluation of the peritoneal cavity did not reveal any evidence of effusion, or subjective lymphadenomegaly. The Medial iliac nodes appear normal and there was no evidence of a caudal aortic thrombus at the bifurcation. The omentum is of normal uniform echogenicity.

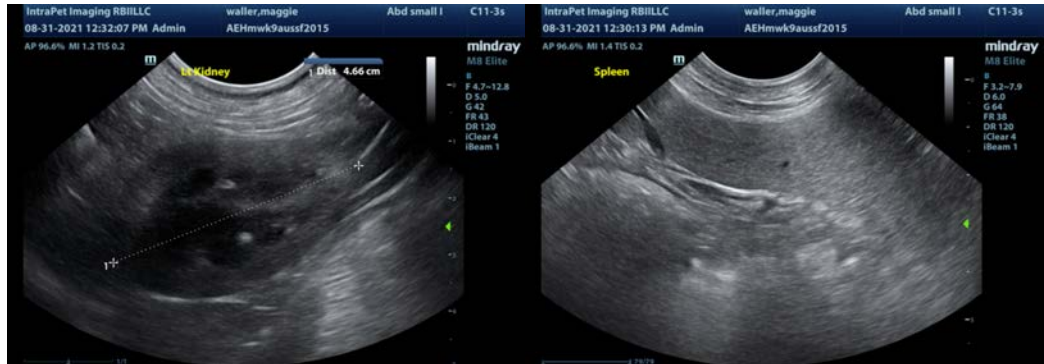
## **ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

- Subjectively thickened colon wall with liquid fecal material – most consistent with colitis and associated diarrhea. Other causes of thickening such as infection, inflammation, edema, and less likely neoplasia exist.

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

Ultrasonographic changes are relatively mild and likely most consistent with acute hemorrhagic gastroenteritis. Additional diagnostics to consider would be fecal testing/deworming, an ACTH stimulation test, GI panel with B12 folate and cobalamin levels, and chest radiographs. Hopefully supportive therapy will result in gradual resolution of these signs. Correlate with abdominal radiographs, as ultrasound can sometimes be insensitive for identifying foreign material, and if symptoms and hypoalbuminemia are persisting, consider GI biopsies, but hopefully this will not be necessary.





The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. 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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