



**PATIENT**

Winston Miller

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Labradoodle

**SEX**

Neutered Male

**AGE**

6 Years

**WEIGHT**

87.3

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Pt presented initially for pu/pd and waxing/waning appetite. Bloodwork revealed a high total calcium and was confirmed with ionized calcium. Appetite returned for a week. Patient's pu/pd resolved over the weekend, but appetite is still decreased.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: see attached

**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 visualized areas of prostate and surrounding tissue appear normal. Unfortunately, the prostate is not fully visualized likely due to its intrapelvic location. Correlate with rectal exam findings.

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (7.49 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 (7.97 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 0.47 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 0.73 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. The spleen echotexture is heterogenous and mottled, the splenic capsule is smooth with no irregularities. The blood flow through the hilus and splenic parenchyma appears normal. There is a discreet 1.76 cm hypoechoic nodule visualized in a larger, less discreet lesion measuring 3.4 cm towards the head of the spleen. Numerous other ill-defined, hypoechoic nodules 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.



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***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.

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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. Duodenum wall measured 0.42 cm. Jejunum wall measured 0.3 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. Mild mesenteric lymphadenopathy is present. There is a prominent mesenteric lymph node visualized measuring 1.0 cm in diameter. The omentum is of normal uniform echogenicity.

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**PRIMARY FINDINGS**

- Mottled spleen with hypoechoic nodules and larger hypoechoic lesion – There are several, non-cavitated, hypoechoic splenic nodules visualized. Differentials include lymphoid hyperplasia, extramedullary hematopoiesis, infiltrative neoplasia, inflammation, other. Cytology or histopathology would be necessary to get a definitive diagnosis.

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**SECONDARY FINDINGS**

- Prominent mesenteric lymph nodes

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The splenic nodules visualized could be consistent with a benign or malignant process. I think it would be difficult to sample all of them, but I would recommend a general fine needle aspirate to look for evidence of lymphoma. If that is not identified, you have the option to follow the lesions with ultrasound or splenectomy. I would consider a splenectomy for both therapeutic and diagnostic purposes.

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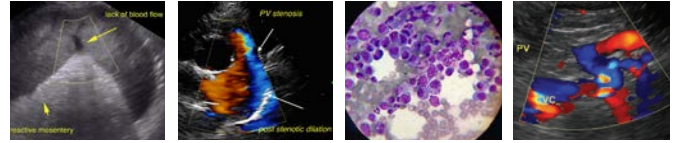
Recommend good oral exam and rectal exam to look for an anal gland tumor, 3-view thoracic radiographs, and a hypercalcemia panel to Michigan State University to obtain PTH levels and a PTHrP level. In this age of a dog, the two most likely differentials would be hyperparathyroidism or lymphoma. A prominent mesenteric lymph node is observed, but this can be seen in dogs. Careful palpation of external lymph nodes and fine needle aspirate of any enlarged peripheral lymph nodes is recommended.

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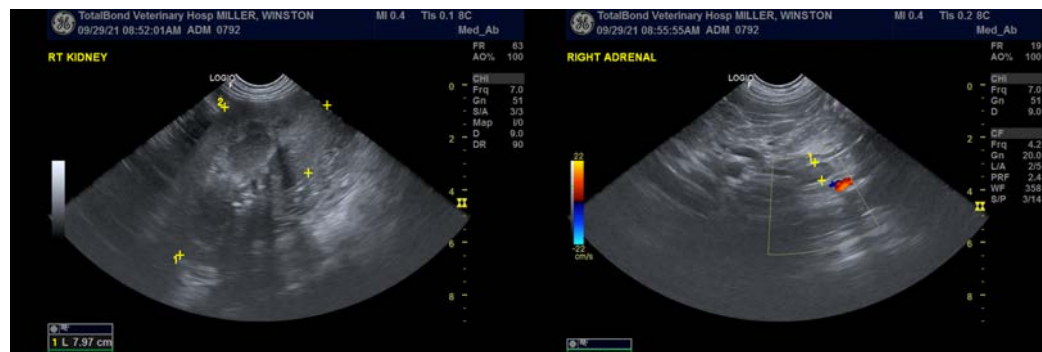
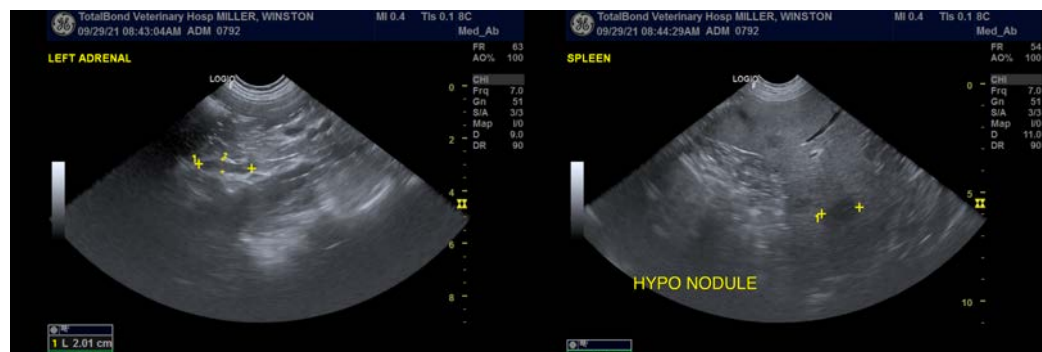
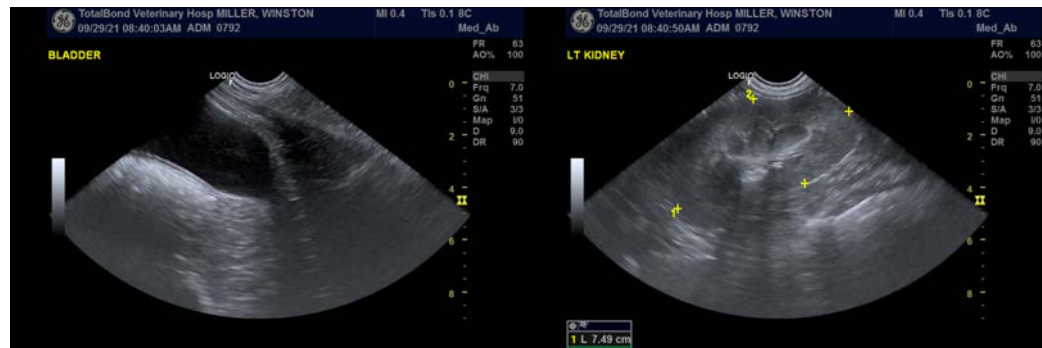
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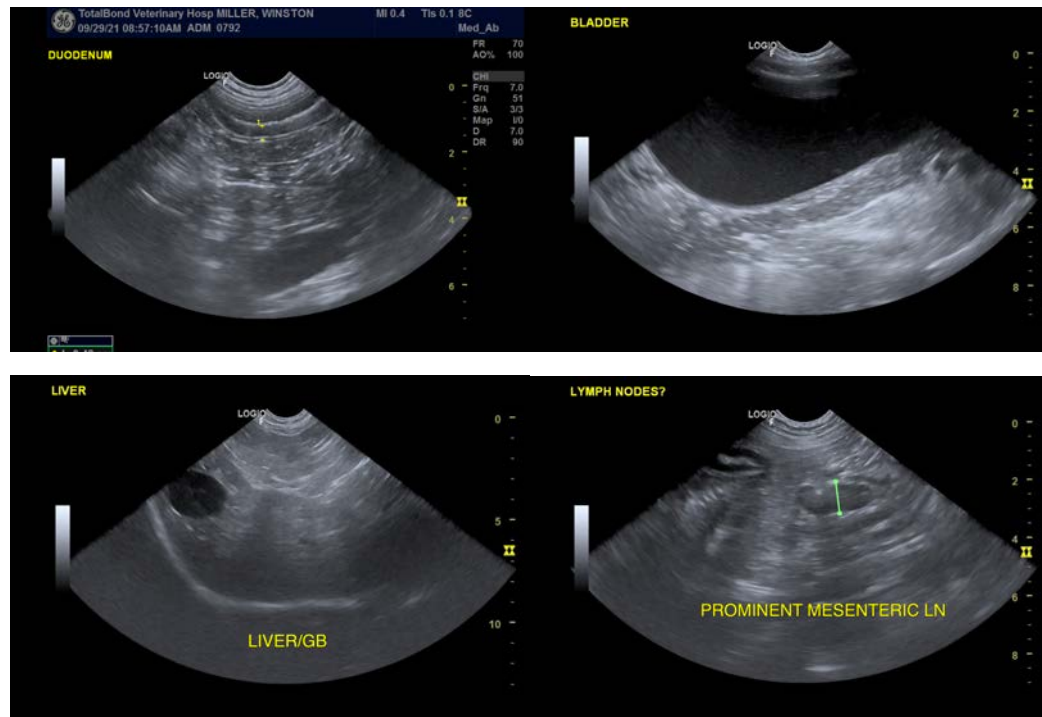
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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