



PATIENT

Armani Rios

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

German Shepherd Mix

SEX

Neutered male

AGE

13 years

WEIGHT

61.4 lbs

PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: Armani has lost 10 pounds in the last 7 months. Has become picky with food. Mild increase in SDMA, mild proteinuria, BW otherwise WNL.

Historic osteoarthritis changes and dental disease but otherwise unremarkable PE.

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 (5.1 cm). Overall echogenicity is slightly hyperechoic with poor corticomedullary distinction and a typical 1:3 cortex:medulla ratio. Small cortical cysts were noted measuring 0.5 cm. 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 (5.9 cm). Overall echogenicity is slightly hyperechoic with poor 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

The left adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.54 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 0.71 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 large 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 very small, 0.39 cm, hypoechoic nodule visualized.

Liver

The liver is subjectively large in size, and echogenicity with rounded margins. The parenchyma is heterogenous in echotexture with subtle, indistinct focal mottling. The visible portions of the vasculature and biliary tract appear normal. Focal nodules are visualized. There are patchy, hypoechoic areas that may be consistent with ill-defined mass effects. The gallbladder lumen is moderately



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distended. The wall of the gallbladder 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 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 rugal 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.

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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. The duodenum measured as normal (0.55) and the jejunum measured as normal (0.36 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, 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.

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

PRIMARY FINDINGS:

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- Large mottled spleen with a small, hypoechoic nodule. The diffuse splenic changes are non-specific and could be consistent with lymphoid hyperplasia, extramedullary hematopoiesis, infiltrative neoplasia, inflammation, other. Cytology or histopathology would be necessary to get a definitive diagnosis.

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- Large heterogenous liver with rounded margins. The diffuse hepatic changes are non-specific and could be consistent with vacuolar hepatopathy, nodular hyperplasia, inflammatory/immune-mediated disease, fibrosis, extramedullary hematopoiesis, toxic hepatopathy (e.g., copper), infiltrative neoplasia (less likely) or other hepatopathy.

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- Mild, gastric distension. I recommend to correlate with feeding history. If fasted then the findings could be consistent with mild delayed gastric emptying or gastric foreign material.

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SECONDARY FINDINGS:

- Mildly reduced corticomedullary distinction. The bilateral renal findings are consistent with age-related change.

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Both the liver and spleen are large with a patchy, mottled echotexture. I recommend FNA of both areas. I recommend three view thoracic radiographs.

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I recommend urine protein to creatinine ratio to determine if proteinuria is significant. Blood pressure evaluation, tick borne disease testing, etc are all recommended if urine protein levels are >1.

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The duodenum and stomach appear somewhat fluid dilated. No focal lesions are observed and there is no obvious thickening. If there is no other cause for weight loss, then primary GI disease can sometimes cause significant weight loss with minimal ultrasonographic changes. Consider a GI panel for a quantitative PLI, B12 and folate to look for evidence of pancreatic or intestinal disease.

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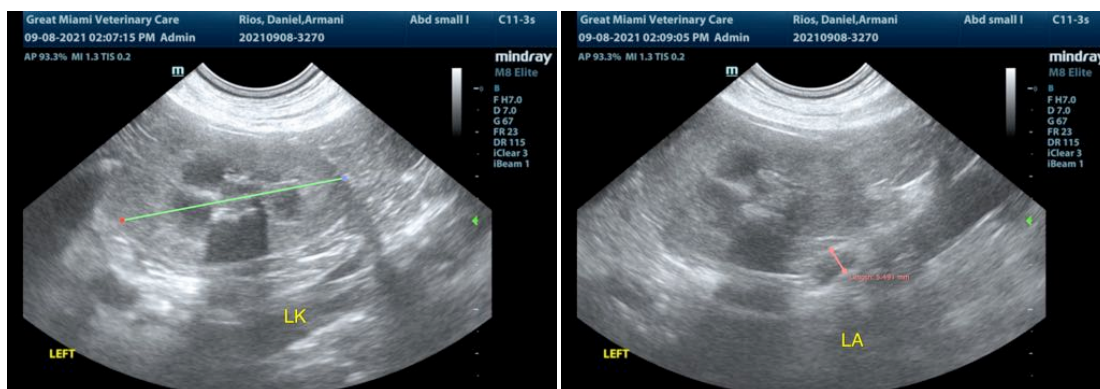
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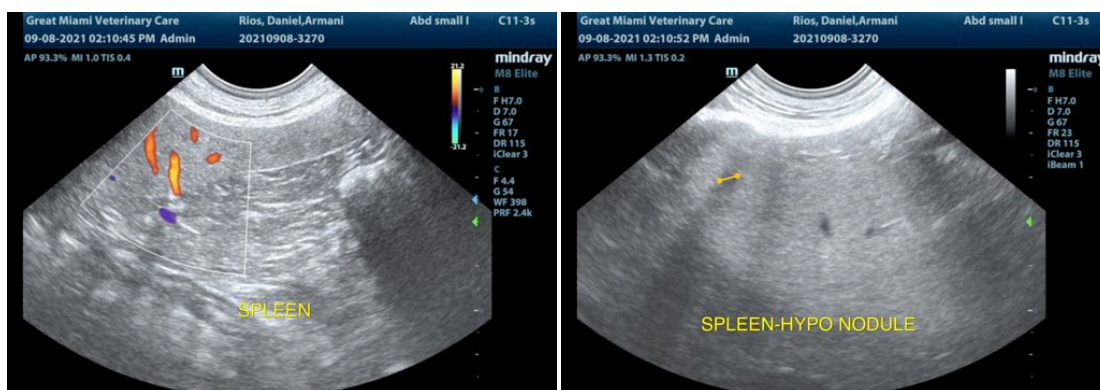
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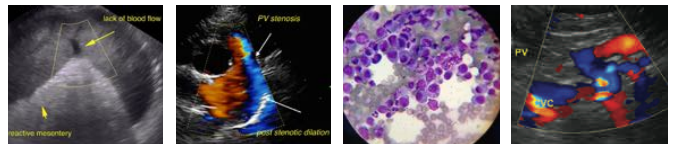
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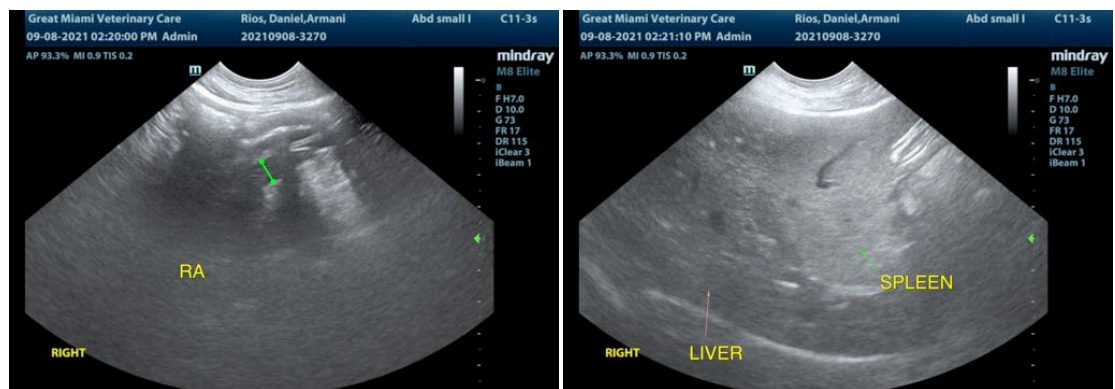
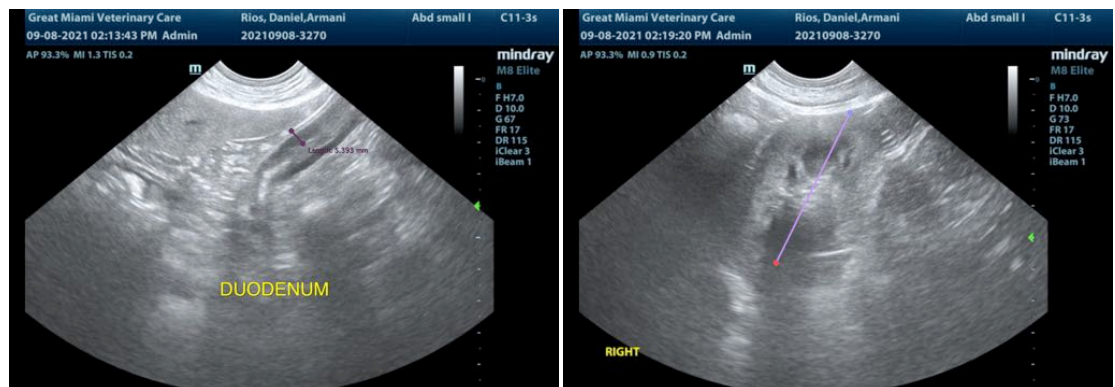
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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