



PATIENT

Belle Miller

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Schnauzer

SEX

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AGE

6y 8m

WEIGHT

31.4

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Patient has been having intermittent vomiting and inappetence since September 2022. Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Liver values have steadily increased even with management

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

The urinary bladder, trigone, cystourethral junction, and visible pelvic urethra to a depth of 3.0 cm exhibited normal thickness and tone. Anechoic urine was present in the lumen with no uroliths or sediment. The ureteral papillae were normal. The ureters were not visible which is normal. No evidence of inflammatory or neoplastic changes was noted.

The area of the aortic trifurcation was free of pathology.

No evidence of pathology was noted in the area of the uterine remnant.

Normal size and margination were present in the kidneys. A normal 1:3 cortex / medulla ratio and normal corticomedullary definition were maintained. The echogenicity of the cortex was similar to or slightly less than normal liver parenchyma while the medulla echogenicity was hypoechoic to the cortex with no evidence of pelvic dilation. The left kidney measured 4.9 cm in length. The right kidney measured 5.1 cm in length.

Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland was uniform in size and contour with a uniformly hypoechoic parenchyma. The left adrenal gland measured 1.7 cm length x 0.51 cm width at the caudal pole. The right adrenal gland was uniform in size and contour with a uniformly hypoechoic parenchyma. The right adrenal gland measured 2.5 cm length x 0.40 cm width at the caudal pole.

Spleen

The spleen exhibited a finely textured and homogenous parenchyma which was hyperechoic to the liver and renal cortical parenchyma. The capsule was smooth and regular without apparent expansion. The splenic vasculature at the hilus was normal in volume with no evidence of congestion or thrombosis. Acute to chronic inflammatory, neoplastic, or benign parenchyma changes were not noted.

Liver/ Gallbladder

The liver presented enlarged in size. The parenchyma of the liver was subjectively normal in echogenicity compared to the spleen and renal cortices. The liver parenchyma was uniform with a mildly coarse echotexture. The capsule of the liver was symmetrically rounded to mildly swollen in margination. The hepatic and portal vasculature were normal in appearance without signs of congestion. The gallbladder exhibited subjective mild distention without evidence of post hepatic obstructive criteria containing anechoic content with mild to moderate, non-dependent, mildly inspissated yet nonorganized, echogenic debris. No evidence of gallbladder or peripheral gallbladder inflammation was noted. The cystic and common bile ducts were normal.



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Gastrointestinal

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The stomach presented intact wall layering with a normal wall layer ratio. The lumen of the stomach was empty with no signs of ileus, obstruction, or foreign material.

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The small intestine presented intact wall layering with 1:3 muscularis/mucosa ratio. The lumen of the small intestine was empty with no signs of ileus, obstruction, or foreign material.

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Normal visible colon wall layers were present with apparent formed feces in lumen.

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Pancreas

The pancreas was normal in size and contour with mild heterogeneous parenchyma compared to adjacent omentum. No signs of active inflammation or neoplasia.

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Free Abdomen

No overt lymphadenopathy or peritoneal effusion was present.

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Nonspecific hepatopathy - subjectively benign, vacuolar hepatopathy, inflammatory/ immune-mediated disease i.e., cholangiohepatitis, hyperplasia, hematopoiesis, or other hepatopathy possible with infiltrative neoplasia considered unlikely
- Nondependent, mildly inspissated gallbladder debris
- Mild heterogeneous pancreas
- Sonographically unremarkable gastrointestinal tract

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Further assessment of the liver may include, assuming normal clotting status screening hepatic FNA cytology +/- Leptospiriosis titers / PCR if endemic to the area or potential exposure. Potential for very early gallbladder mucocele is considered unlikely yet sonographic monitoring of the gallbladder going forward is likely ideal. Hepatosupportive medications including Denamarin and Ursodiol +/-, given the patient's gastrointestinal signs, hydrolyzed diet trial, especially if evidence of hepatic inflammation or anagenic stimulation on cytology, may prove beneficial.

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Spec cPL or full GI panel to assess for evidence of low-grade pancreatitis or occult intestinal disease as a contributing factor, may be considered if progressive gastrointestinal signs including diarrhea or weight loss are noted.

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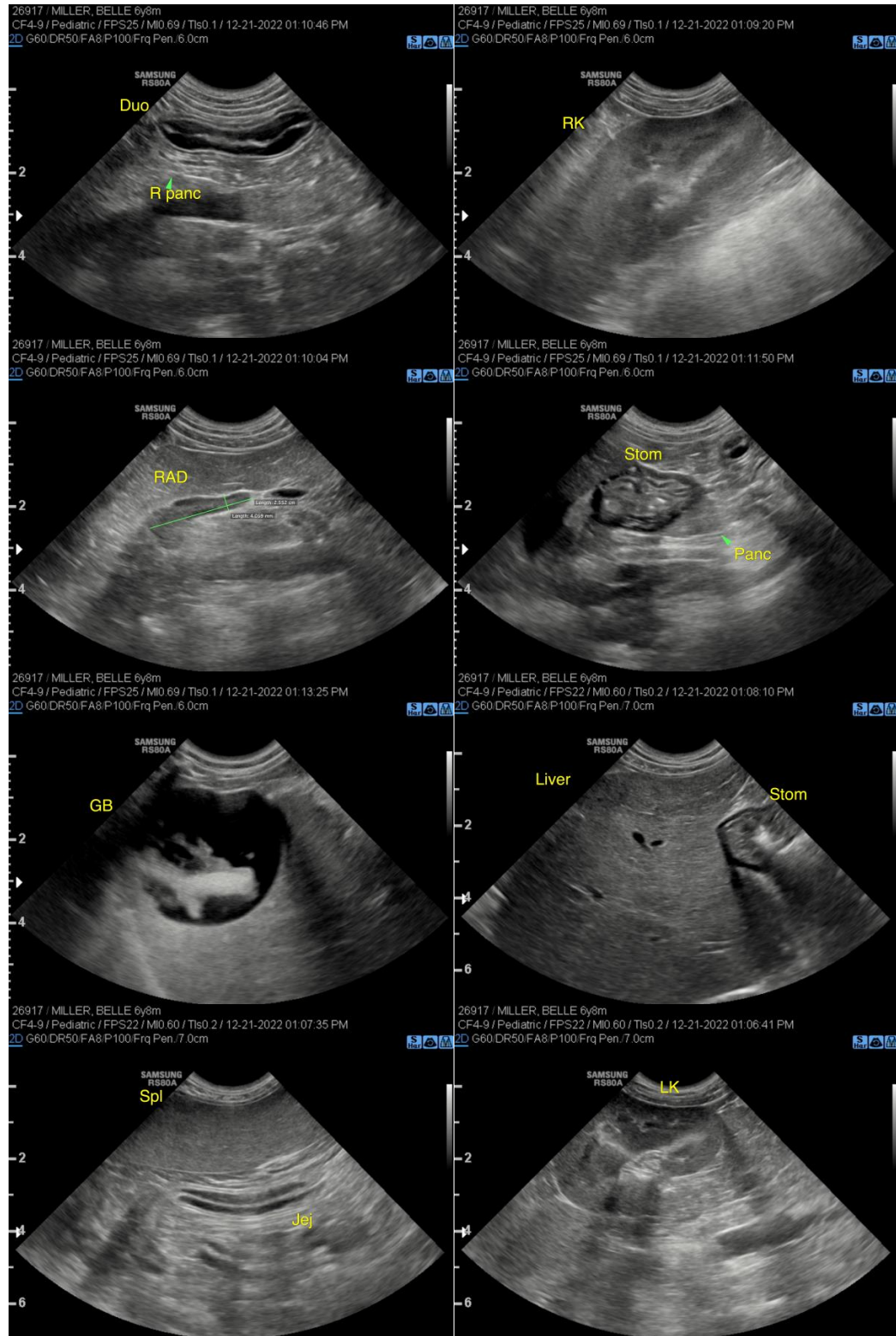
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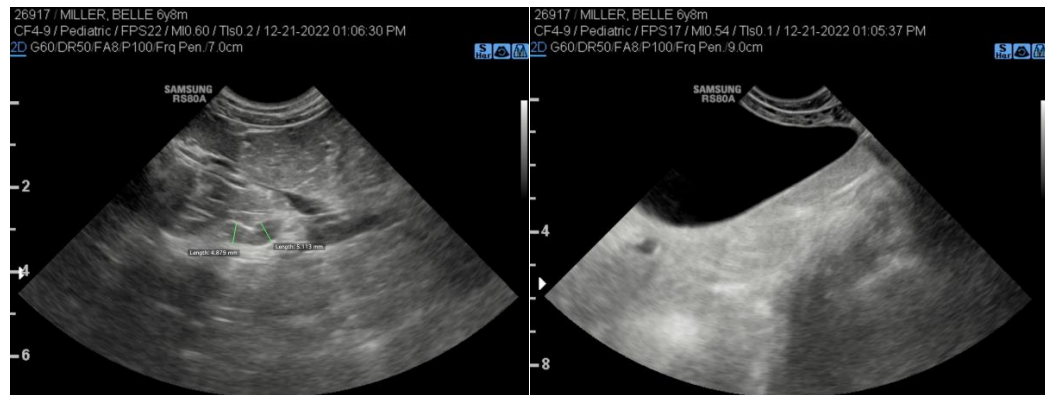
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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