



PATIENT

Tasha Davis

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Shiba Inu

SEX

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AGE

15 yrs

WEIGHT

18.6 lbs.

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Blood in feces. Anorexia.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Creat: 5.1, BUN 81, Phos: 10.6, ALT: 300

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

The urinary bladder, trigone, cystourethral junction, and visible pelvic urethra to a depth of 2.0 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.

Normal renal size with asymmetrical margination were present in both kidneys. The renal cortex presented uniformly increased in echogenicity with uniform echotexture. The renal cortex appeared to be hypertrophied resulting in an altered cortex: medulla ratio. Moderate loss of corticomedullary distinction was also present. The renal medullary volume was subjectively reduced. Mild bilateral pyelectasia was noted. The left kidney measured 3.7 cm in length. The right kidney measured 3.4 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 1.8 cm length x 0.53 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 2.0 cm length x 0.57 cm width at the caudal pole.

Spleen

The spleen exhibited primarily finely textured and homogenous parenchyma which was hyperechoic to the liver and renal cortical parenchyma. Intermittent, nondisruptive, hyperechoic nodules were present throughout the cranial to caudal 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 or neoplastic changes were not noted. The hyperechoic nodules tend to trend benign and are most consistent with benign hyperplasia or myelolipomas.

Liver/ Gallbladder

The liver was subjectively normal in size, structure, and contour. The liver parenchyma was mildly nonuniform and hypoechoic to the spleen with a moderate coarse echotexture and subjective mild to benign parenchymal remodeling. The hepatic and portal vasculature were normal in appearance without signs of congestion. Mild lobar biliary tree mineral was noted primarily mid to right liver lobes. The gallbladder was non-distended in size with mildly prominent to hyperechoic gallbladder walls containing moderate, dependent, mildly organized, nonmineralized gallbladder debris. No evidence of peripheral gallbladder inflammation was noted.



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The stomach presented mild wall thickening secondary to mild echogenic mucosa hypertrophy. Intact wall layering was maintained and distinct. The stomach contained mild retained echogenic fluid and ingesta.

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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. Segmental discrete hyperechoic mucosal speckling was present.

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The colon walls presented intact yet minor prominent wall layering with mild thickened to echogenic submucosa. Semi-formed to soft fecal matter was present in the colon lumen.

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Pancreas

The parenchyma of the left limb, body, and right limb of the pancreas presented isoechoic to the adjacent omental fat. A normal curvilinear capsule contour of the pancreas was present. The visible pancreatic duct was normal. No signs of active inflammation or neoplastic disease were evident.

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Free Abdomen

No overt lymphadenopathy or peritoneal effusion was present.

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Gastroenterocolitis pattern with mild gastric stasis
- Moderate chronic degenerative kidneys with mild bilateral pyelectasia
- Benign splenic nodules - consistent with benign myelolipomas
- Hepatic parenchymal remodeling with minor lobar biliary tree mineralization
- Cholecystitis with moderate nondependent gallbladder debris, possible early to immature gallbladder mucocele

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

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The bilateral pyelectasia may be owing to chronic renal changes, potential pelvic scarring possibly owing to previous calculi passage, IV fluid therapy (if applicable). Urine C/S and protein: creatinine ratio on sterile urine sample is recommended.

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The biliary tree mineralization is likely incidental but has at times been associated with chronic hepatobiliary inflammation, which may be a primary consideration in this patient given the ALT elevation, and evidence of cholecystitis, with potential for early to immature gallbladder mucocele. Hepato-gastrointestinal support is recommended with monitoring going forward for evidence of progressive hepatic enzyme elevations, cholestasis, or cranial abdominal or subxiphoid discomfort on palpation.

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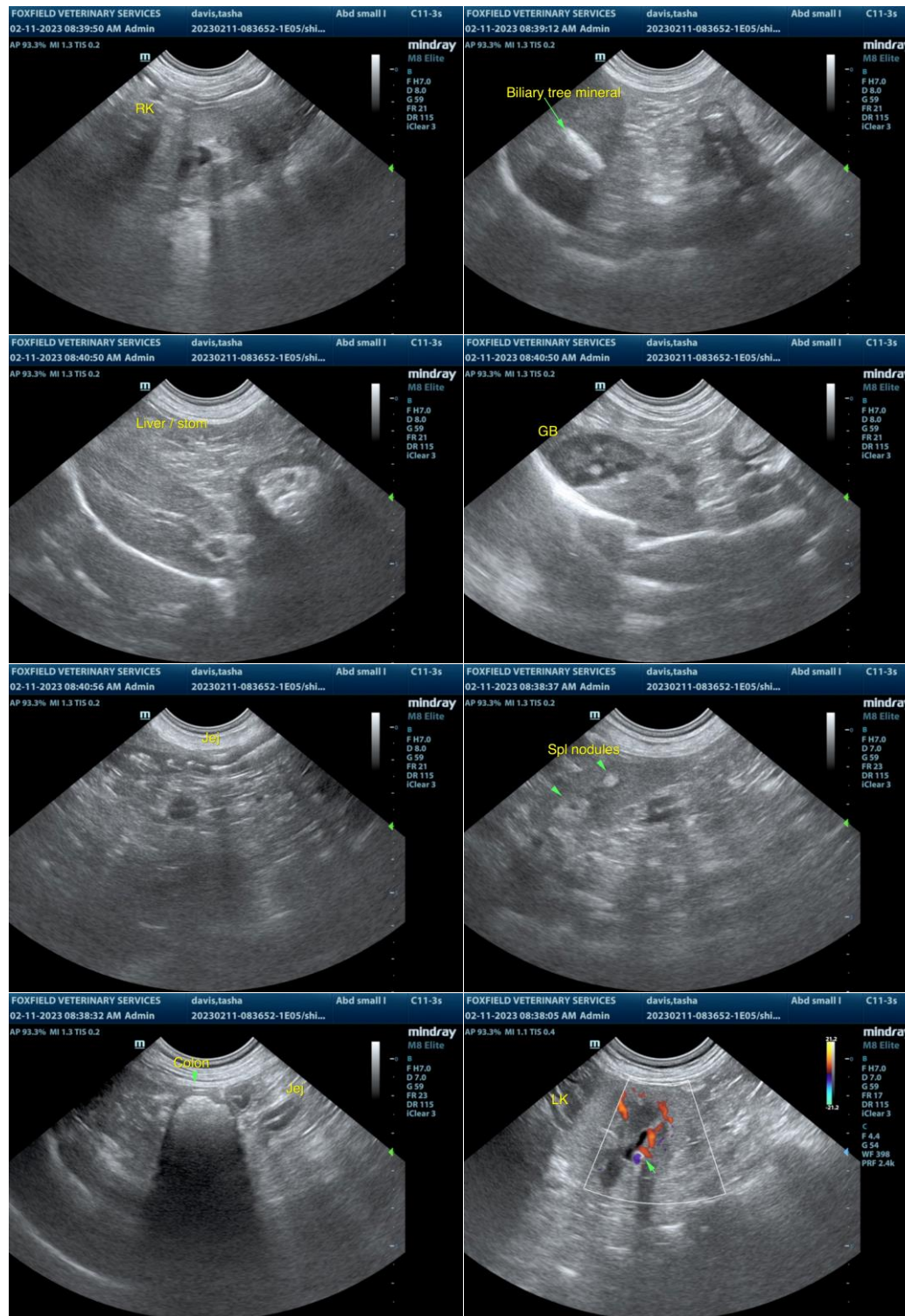
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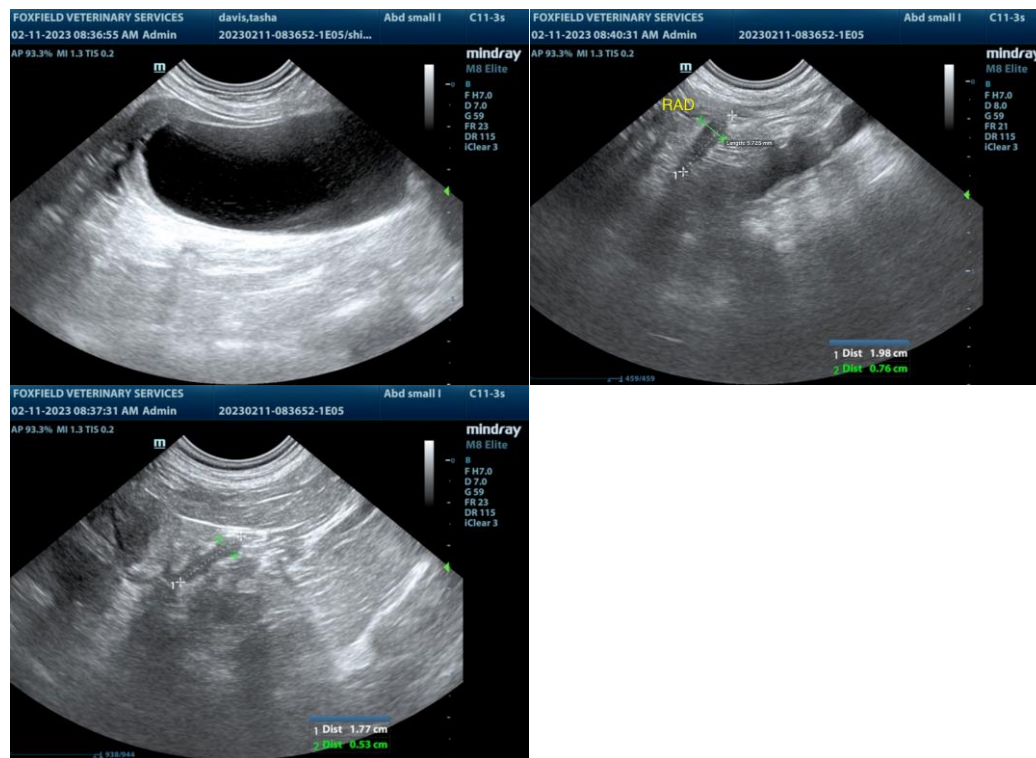
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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