



PATIENT

Oliver Murray

PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Hematochezia and vomiting

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: WNL except elevated lipase

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

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

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Mixed

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Normal size and margination were present in the kidneys. A normal 1:3 cortex / medulla ratio was maintained. The medulla and cortices were uniform in texture with some increased echogenicity and mild loss of corticomedullary symmetry and definition expected for the age of the patient. No evidence of pelvic dilation was present. The left kidney measured 6.0 cm in length. The right kidney measured 5.4 cm in length.

AGE

10yr

The area of the aortic trifurcation was free of pathology.

Adrenal Glands

WEIGHT

31.4lb

The left adrenal gland was uniform in size and contour with a uniformly hypoechoic parenchyma. The left adrenal gland measured 0.56 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 0.49 cm width at the caudal pole.

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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.

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Liver/Gallbladder

The liver was subjectively normal in size, structure, and contour. The liver parenchyma was uniform and hypoechoic to the spleen with a mild coarse echotexture. Normal vascular volume. The hepatic and portal vasculature were normal in appearance without signs of congestion. The gallbladder was non-distended in size with thin walls and mild non-organized debris. The cystic and common bile ducts were normal.

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Gastrointestinal

The stomach presented intact wall layering with a normal wall layer ratio. The lumen of the stomach contained mild non-shadowing ingesta sonographically suggestive of food echogenicity with no signs of obstruction or foreign material.

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The small intestine presented intact wall layering with 1:3 muscularis/mucosa ratio. Subtle hyperechoic intestinal mucosal speckling was present. The lumen of the small intestine was empty with no signs of

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mechanical/metabolic ileus, obstruction or foreign material. The duodenum wall measured 0.51 cm width. The jejunum wall measured 0.42 cm width.

The colon walls presented intact yet mild prominent wall layering with mild thickened to echogenic submucosa. Soft fecal matter and lumen gas was present in the colon lumen with lumen dilation. The descending colon wall measured 0.36 cm in width.

Pancreas

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

Free Abdomen

No omental masses, overt lymphadenopathy or peritoneal effusion was present.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

Primary

- Mild colitis.
- Non-shadowing gastric ingesta-consistent with food echogenicity
- Subtle, non-specific intestinal mucosal speckling
- Suspect non-specific mild enteritis
- Mild heterogeneous pancreas- patient/age variant, mild benign remodeling owing to previous inflammation, mild chronic pancreatitis possible

Secondary

- Age-related renal changes
- Mild non-organized gallbladder debris (non-mucocele)

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Gastrointestinal support including therapy for non-specific enterocolitis and possible mild chronic pancreatitis is recommended.

Empirically, a limited antigen or hydrolyzed diet trial with potential long term dietary therapy, prophylactic deworming (Panacur 50 mg/kg SID x 5 consecutive days with repeat protocol in 3 weeks even if fecal testing is negative), high colony count probiotic (Provable or Visbiome), cobalamin supplementation pending assessment of cobalamin level +/- antibiotic trial with consideration for adverse effects on normal GI flora with long term antibiotic use and as needed gastrointestinal support with assessment of clinical response may prove beneficial. Intestinal biopsies may be indicated if GI signs continue despite empirical therapy.



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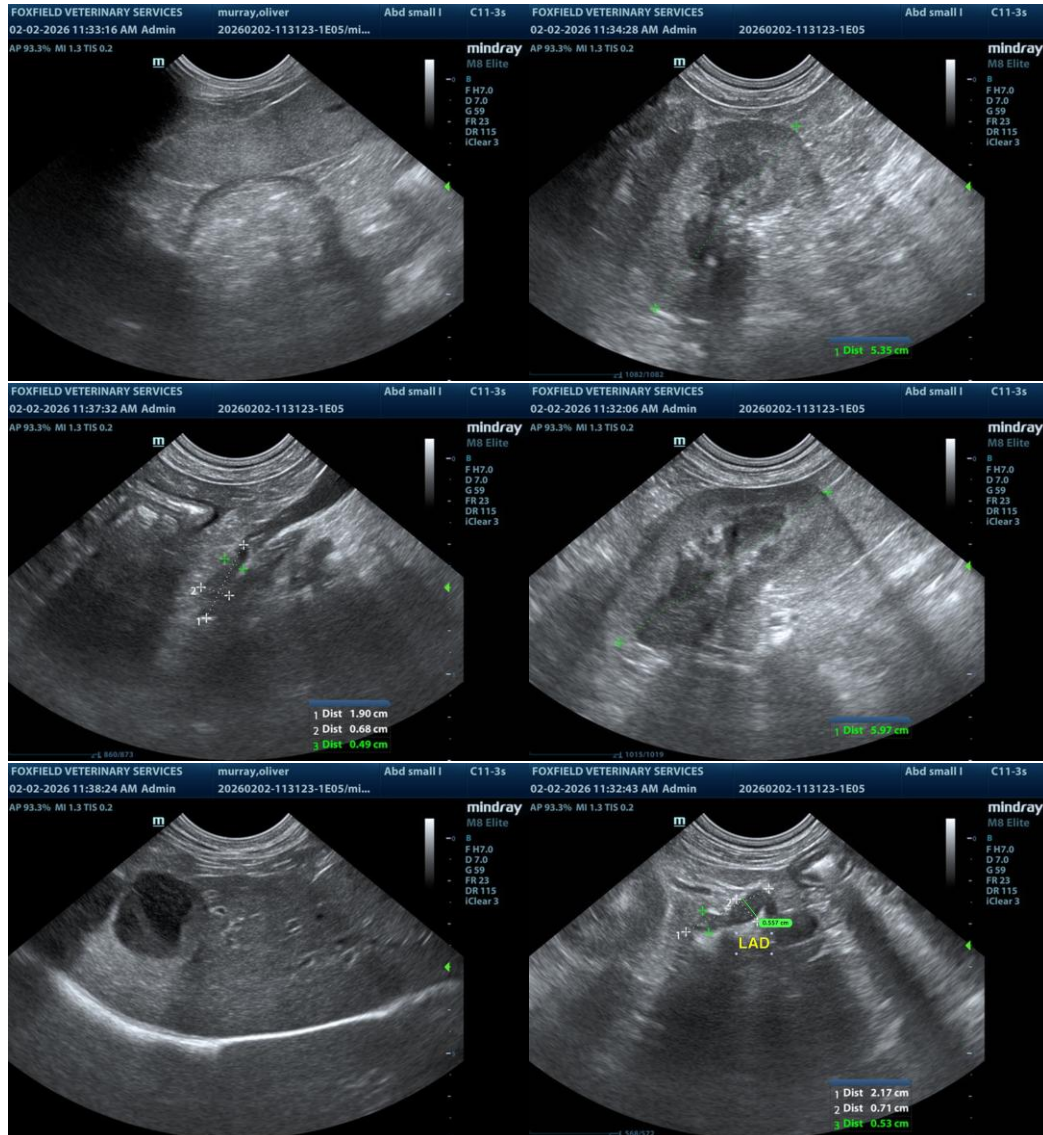
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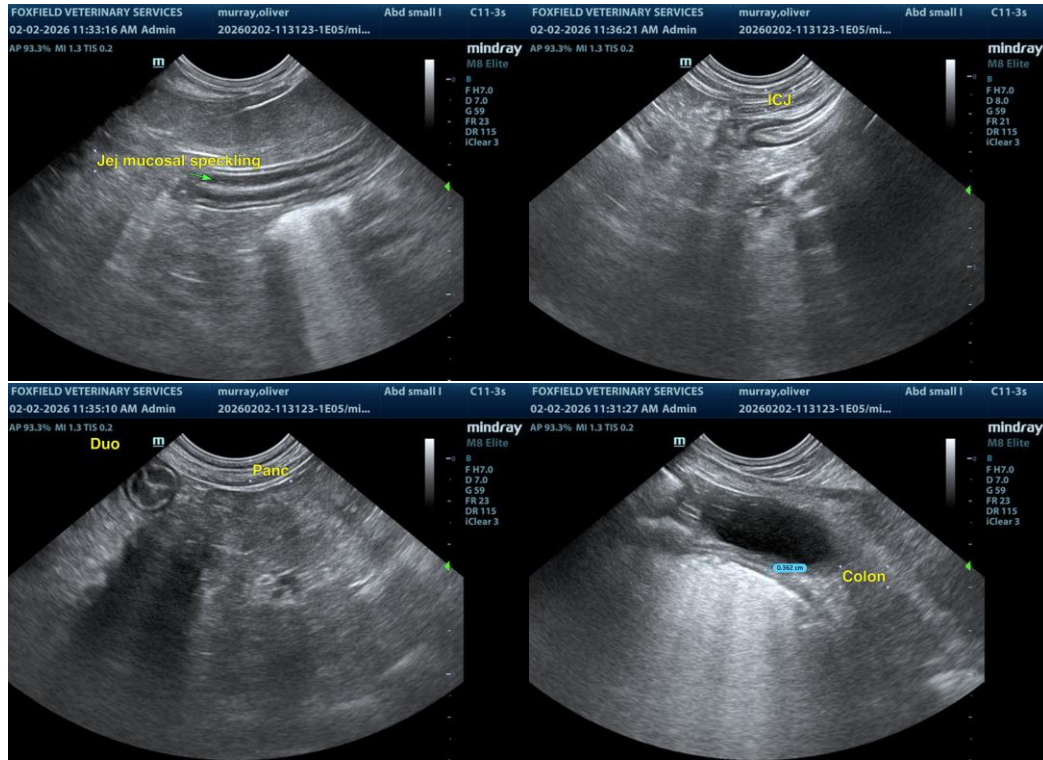
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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