



PATIENT

Frankie Luciani

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Jack Russell Terrier

Mix

SEX

Neutered Male

AGE

12 Years

WEIGHT

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

- Hx of elevated liver enzymes at rDVM; pre/post prandial bile acids performed on Friday, reportedly unremarkable per o. O reports tremoring on Saturday (1/31), vomiting 2x on Sunday (2/1) and Monday (2/2). Diarrhea 7 times today (2/3)

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Pale, tacky mucous membranes. Diarrhea staining around rectum. Radiographs performed showed non-specific gastroenteropathy/gastroenteritis. No evidence of foreign body obstruction or other intra-abdominal pathology. Granular soft tissue opacity in stomach consistent with ingesta (o reports p ate about 4 hours prior).

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 change were noted.

The area of the residual prostate appeared normal and free of pathology.

The area of the iliac trifurcation was free of pathology.

Normal size and margination was 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 4.5 cm in length. The right kidney measured 5.0 cm in length.

Adrenal Glands

The bilateral adrenal glands were normal in size. Mild parenchyma heterogeneity and mild capsule asymmetry was present without suspicion for overt neoplasia. The left adrenal gland measured 0.55 cm width in the caudal pole. The right adrenal gland measured 0.60 cm width in the caudal pole. A small cranial pole cyst was present within the left adrenal gland measuring 0.60 cm in diameter.

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 was subjectively mildly enlarged in size. The liver parenchyma was mildly nonuniform and hypoechoic to the spleen with a mild/ moderate coarse echotexture and subjective mild parenchymal remodeling. The hepatic and portal vasculature were normal in appearance without signs of congestion.



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The gallbladder was non distended in size with mild non-organized biliary sludge. The cystic duct and common bile ducts were normal without evidence of dilation.

Gastrointestinal

The stomach presented intact wall layering with a normal wall layer ratio. The lumen of the stomach contained echogenic, mild nonshadowing to focally shadowing ingesta without signs of obstruction or foreign material.

The small intestine presented intact wall layering with 1:3 muscularis/mucosa ratio. Subtle hyperechoic jejunal mucosal speckling was present. Segmental similar appearing mild non-shadowing intestinal ingesta/chyme.

The colon walls presented intact yet mildly thickened wall layering. Soft fecal matter was present in the colon lumen.

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 was evident.

Free Abdomen

Intermittent mildly prominent mesenteric nodes were present. The lymph nodes were essentially isoechoic to adjacent omentum without evidence of peripheral inflammation and maintaining a normal width: length ratio (<0.5). No evidence of peritoneal effusion.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Hepatopathy.
- Non-organized mild gallbladder debris (non-mucocele).
- Non-specific enterocolitis pattern with primarily non-shadowing gastrointestinal ingesta- most consistent with food echogenicity.
- Mild age-related renal/adrenal changes with small cranial left adrenal cyst.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

The appearance of the liver was nonspecific but most consistent with benign hepatopathy. Considerations for the liver may include benign vacuolar / cholestatic hepatopathy, inflammatory/infectious/immune mediated disease, hyperplasia, hematopoiesis, toxic hepatopathy (i.e. copper), other with neoplasia thought less likely. Ultrasound guided FNA of the liver using a 25-gauge needle and assuming normal coagulation parameters would be warranted for screening cytology. Hepatosupportive medications such as Denamarin or Vitamin E as well as Ursodiol due to its antioxidant and immunomodulatory effects within the liver would be warranted, although these medications may not result in decreased hepatic enzyme levels. Leptospirosis titers / PCR may be considered if clinically indicated. Core or surgical biopsy likely required for definitive diagnosis.

The appearance of the gastrointestinal tract is non-specific with considerations including dietary intolerance / food hypersensitivity, infectious disease, dysbiosis, enterotoxin, inflammatory bowel disease, mild pancreatitis, occult parasitism, occult Addison's Disease, occult neoplasia, or other. Monitoring of albumin level for evidence of hypoalbuminemia is recommended.



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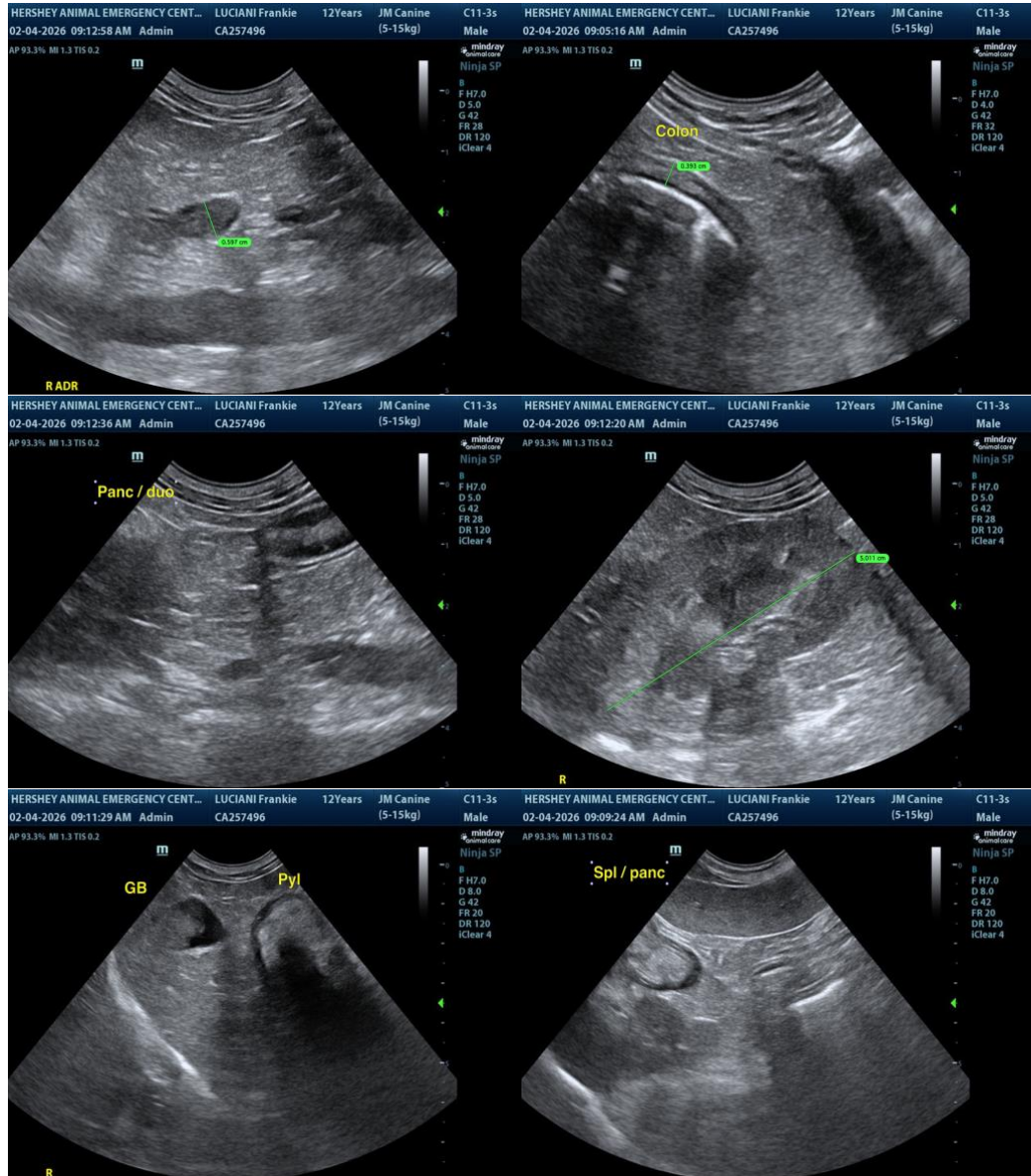
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Empirically, a limited antigen or hydrolyzed diet trial with potential long term dietary therapy, prophylactic deworming (Panacur 50 mg/kg SID x 5 consecutive days with repeat protocol in 3 weeks even if fecal testing is negative), high colony count probiotic (Proviale or Visbiome), and as needed gastroprotectants is suggested with clinical monitoring. Note that recent research has shown that indiscriminate use of antibiotics may actually cause harm.





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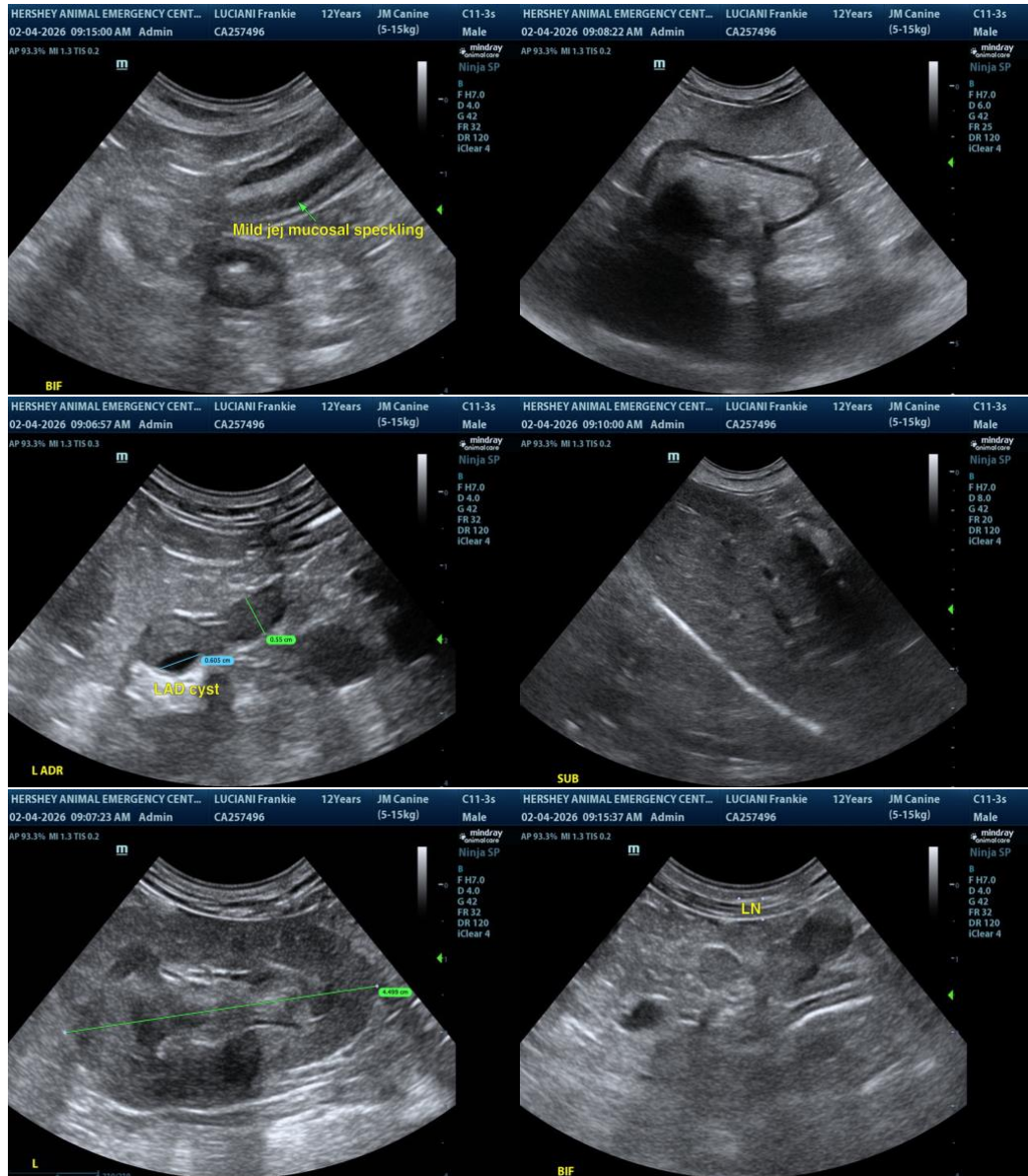
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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