



PATIENT

Charcoal Yan

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Border Collie

SEX

FS

AGE

2yr

WEIGHT

38.9

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Off and on soft stool/diarrhea past several months. Resolves but recurrent. On monthly preventives, otherwise well. ID diet currently. GI panel pending.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: SDMA=15. Negative 4dx, and repeated fecal/giardia negative.

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 uroliths or sediment. The ureteral papillae were normal. The ureters were not visible which is normal. No evidence of inflammatory or neoplastic changes were noted.

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 5.1 cm in length. The right kidney measured 4.2 cm in length.

The area of the aortic trifurcation was free of pathology.

Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland was uniform in size and contour with a uniformly hypoechoic parenchyma. The left adrenal gland measured 0.39 cm width. The right adrenal gland was uniform in size and contour with a uniformly hypoechoic parenchyma. The right adrenal gland measured 0.34 cm width.

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 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 primarily anechoic luminal content. The cystic and common bile ducts were normal.

Gastrointestinal

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.

Normal visible colon wall layers were present with apparent semi-formed to soft feces in 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 was evident.

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Free Abdomen

No omental masses or peritoneal effusion was present.

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Intermittent mildly prominent to enlarged 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). An example measured 1.0 cm in diameter.

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Structurally unremarkable GI tract.
- Normal colon with semi formed to soft feces.
- Intermittent mild subjectively benign/reactive mesenteric lymphadenopathy-likely secondary lymphoid hyperplasia or possible mild reactive lymphadenitis.

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Overall, there is no overt evidence of significant abdominal visceral pathology. At times the sonographic presentation of the gastrointestinal tract may not correlate with reported gastrointestinal signs. In patients with ongoing GI signs, considerations including dietary intolerance / food hypersensitivity, occult parasitism (less likely), dysbiosis, occult Addison's disease, non-structural inflammatory bowel disease or low grade recurrent or chronic pancreatitis-both of which may present sonographically normal or other are possible. Correlation with pending GI panel +/- screening cortisol level is suggested.

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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 (Provable or Visbiome) and cobalamin supplementation pending assessment of B12 levels may prove beneficial.

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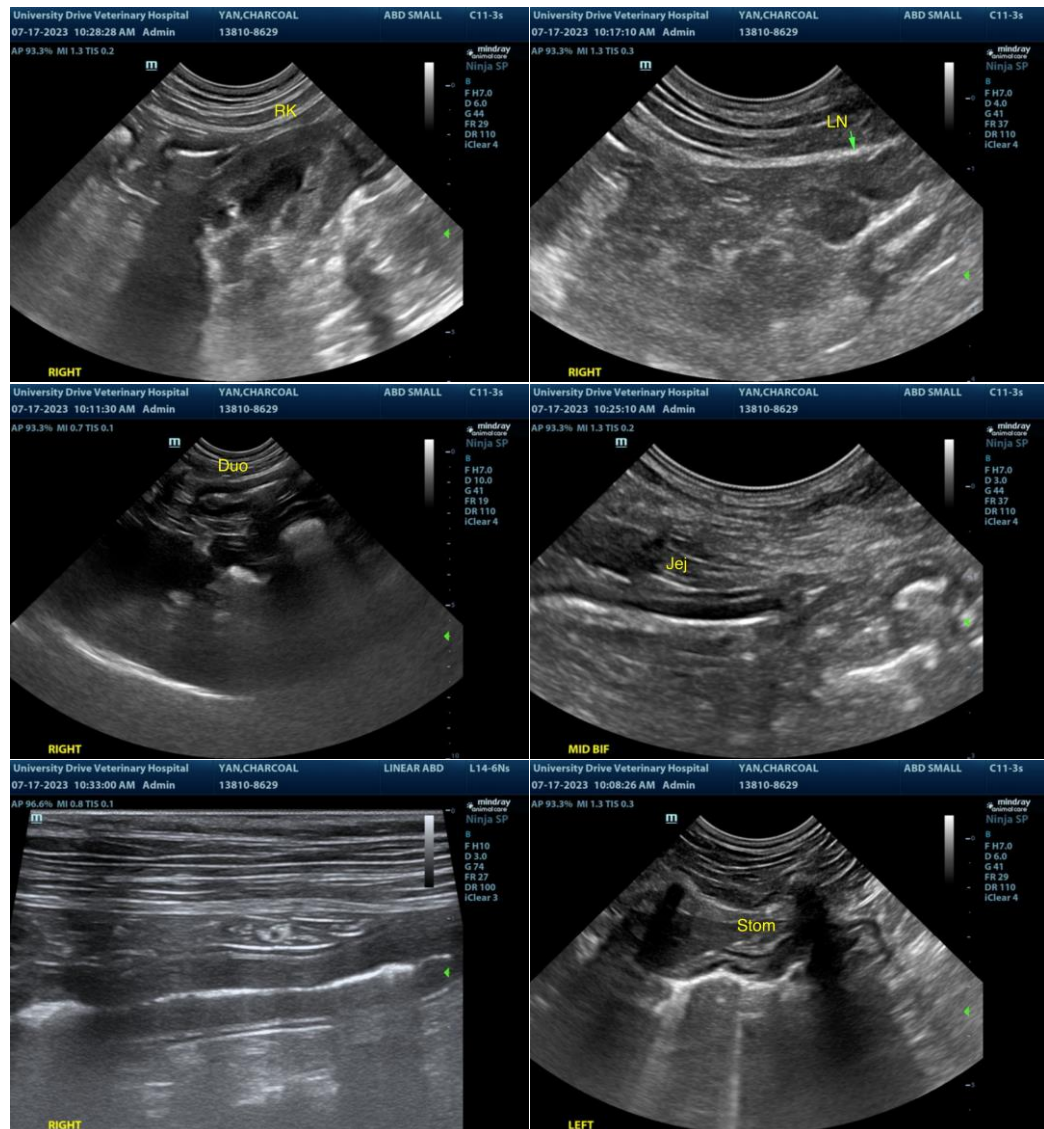
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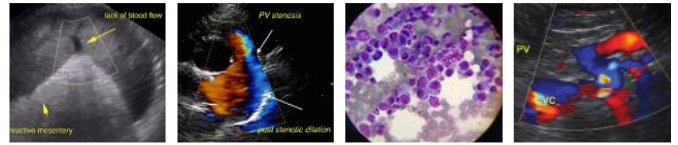
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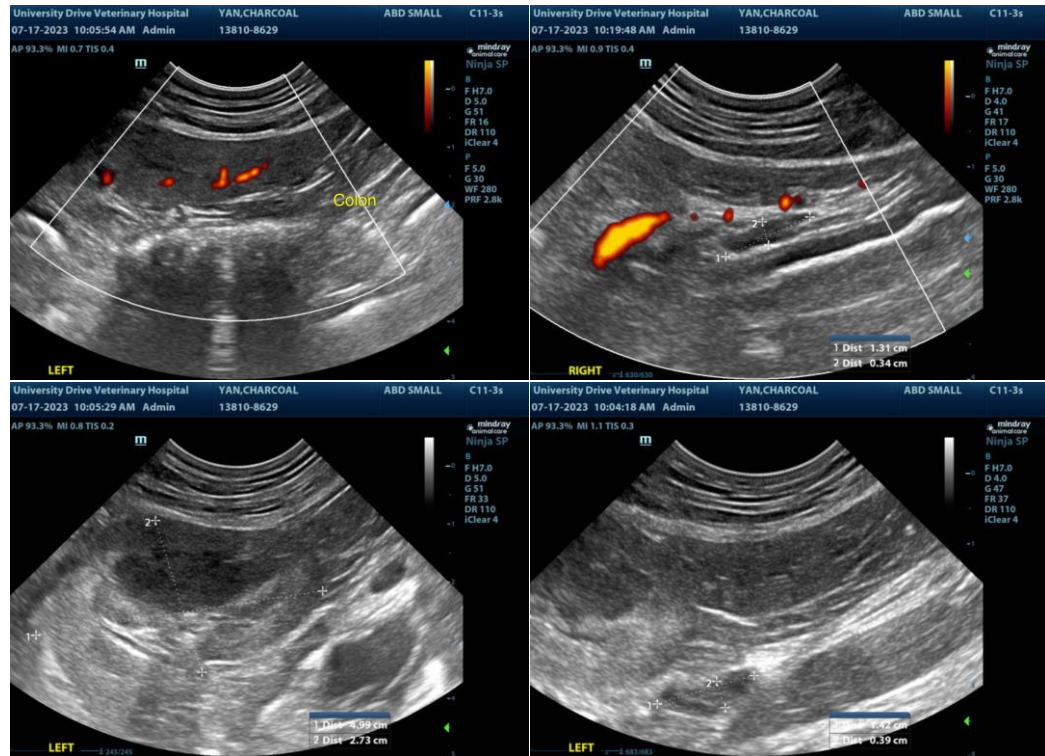
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Thank you for this referral. If the clinical or image interpretation does not parallel your findings or if I can be of any further assistance, please contact me.

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