



PATIENT

Piper DeChadarevian

PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

diarrhea decreased appetite increased Eosiniphils

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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 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.

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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 6.8 cm in length. The right kidney measured 7.4 cm in length.

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The area of the aortic trifurcation was free of pathology.

Adrenal Glands

The bilateral adrenal glands were overtly normal in size, position and shape. The left adrenal gland measured 0.43 cm width at the caudal pole and 0.5 cm width at the cranial pole. The right adrenal gland was uniform in size and contour with a uniformly hypoechoic parenchyma. The right adrenal gland measured 0.56 cm width at the caudal pole.

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Spleen

The spleen exhibited normal size and subtle parenchyma heterogeneity. No masses or nodules. 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. Likely a normal patient variant or minor breed associated hypersplenism is possible.

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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 primarily anechoic luminal content. 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 minor retained anechoic fluid 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 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, overt lymphadenopathy or peritoneal effusion was present.

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

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- Sonographically unremarkable GI tract.
- Normal colon containing semi-formed/soft feces.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

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Overall, there is no overt evidence of significant abdominal visceral specifically gastroenterocolic pathology as a definitive cause of the patient's clinical signs. 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, dysbiosis, inflammatory bowel disease, low grade to chronic pancreatitis-both of which may present sonographically normal or other are possible.

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Dietary indiscretion / food hypersensitivity, dysbiosis given the breed, occult parasitism, occult Addison's disease in light of eosinophilia, structurally insignificant inflammatory bowel or other gastroenteropathy are all potentials. A fresh fecal analysis is recommended to rule out parasitic ova/giardia. A GI panel to include PLI/TLI/Cobalamin/Folate is recommended. A resting cortisol level is suggested. No overt indication for immediate surgical intervention.

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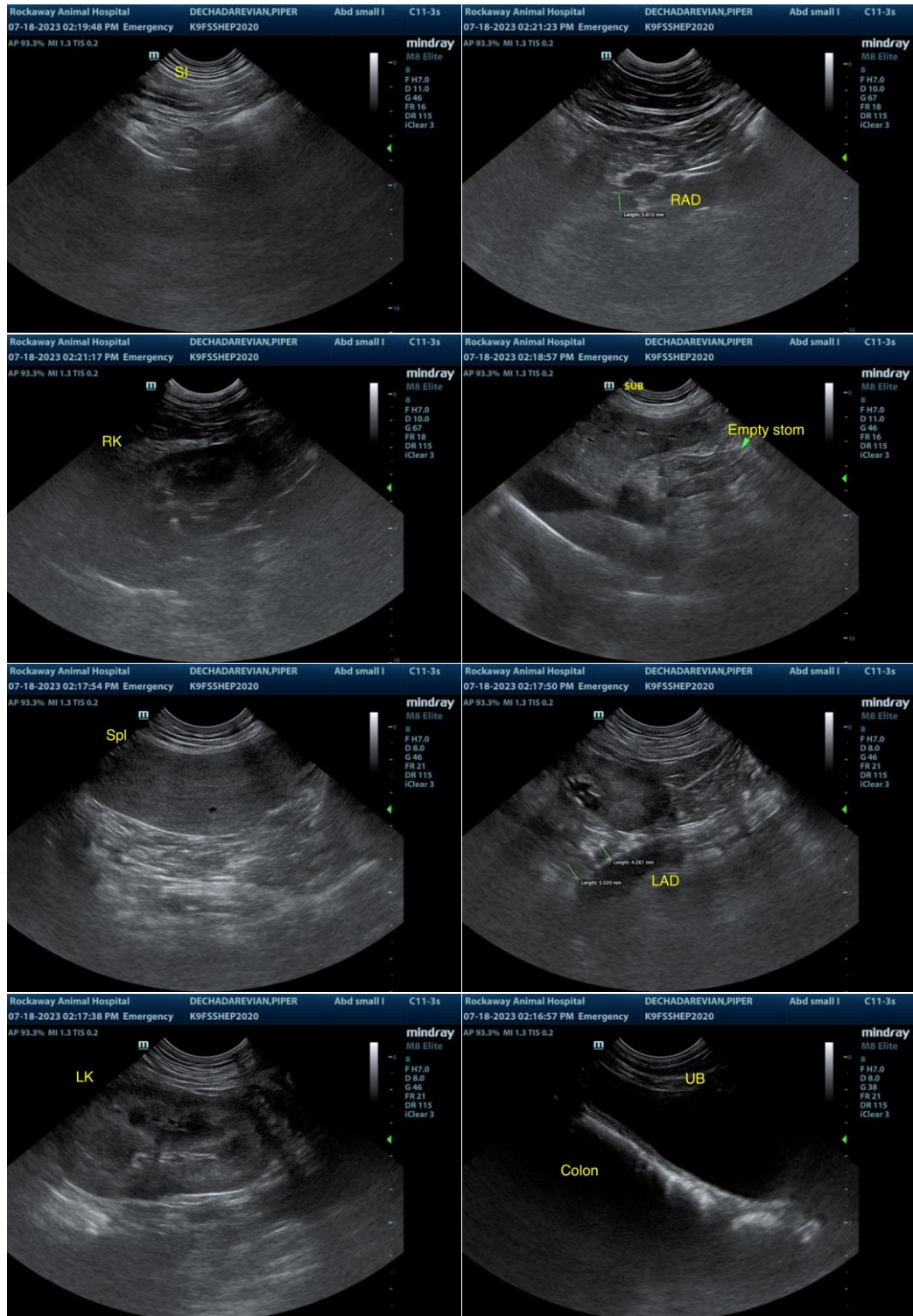
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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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