

PATIENT

Teddy Breitfeller

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Bernese Mtn Dog

SEX

MN

AGE

2015

WEIGHT

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Significant weight loss Dasuquin, Tobramycin, Gabapentin (anxiety)

ALP 307, unremarkable CBC

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

The urinary bladder, trigone, and cystourethral junction 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 residual prostate was symmetrically normal in size with uniform parenchyma and slight coarse echotexture measuring 1.0 cm in diameter.

The area of the aortic trifurcation was free of pathology.

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 7.3 cm in length. The right kidney measured 8.5 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 0.58 cm width at the caudal pole and 0.66 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 0.59 cm width at the caudal pole and 0.82 cm width at the cranial pole.

Spleen

The spleen was overall normal in size and contour with a primarily maintained finely textured homogeneous parenchyma. Solitary to intermittent nondisruptive discrete hypoechoic nodules were noted cranial spleen with an example measuring 1.0 cm in diameter.

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. The hepatic and portal vasculature were normal in appearance without signs of congestion. The gallbladder was non distended in size with mild nonorganized, mildly hyperechogenic biliary sludge primarily in the caudal lumen. 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 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 formed feces in lumen.

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Pancreas

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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 omental masses, lymphadenopathy or evidence of peritoneal free fluid was present.

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Rapid view of the heart revealed no evidence of pericardial masses or effusion in the visible window.

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

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- Focal to intermittent nondisruptive discrete splenic nodules
- Sonographically unremarkable liver - probable mild vacuolar hepatopathy pattern
- Mild gallbladder debris (non-mucocele)
- Sonographically unremarkable gastrointestinal tract

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

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Overall, no evidence of significant abdominal visceral pathology as an obvious cause of the patient's significant weight loss.

The discrete splenic nodules were nonspecific with multiple etiologies including focal lymphoid hyperplasia, hematopoiesis, splenitis, and infarction, while given the patient's breed and reported weight loss potential for emerging splenic neoplasia cannot be excluded. Correlation with pending splenic cytology is suggested. Pending cytology, sonographic monitoring of the splenic nodules for evidence of progressive changes may be considered.

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A GI panel to include PLI/TLI/Cobalamin/Folate as well as three view chest radiographs and neurological / musculoskeletal examination are recommended to assess for or rule out occult disease which may cause weight loss.

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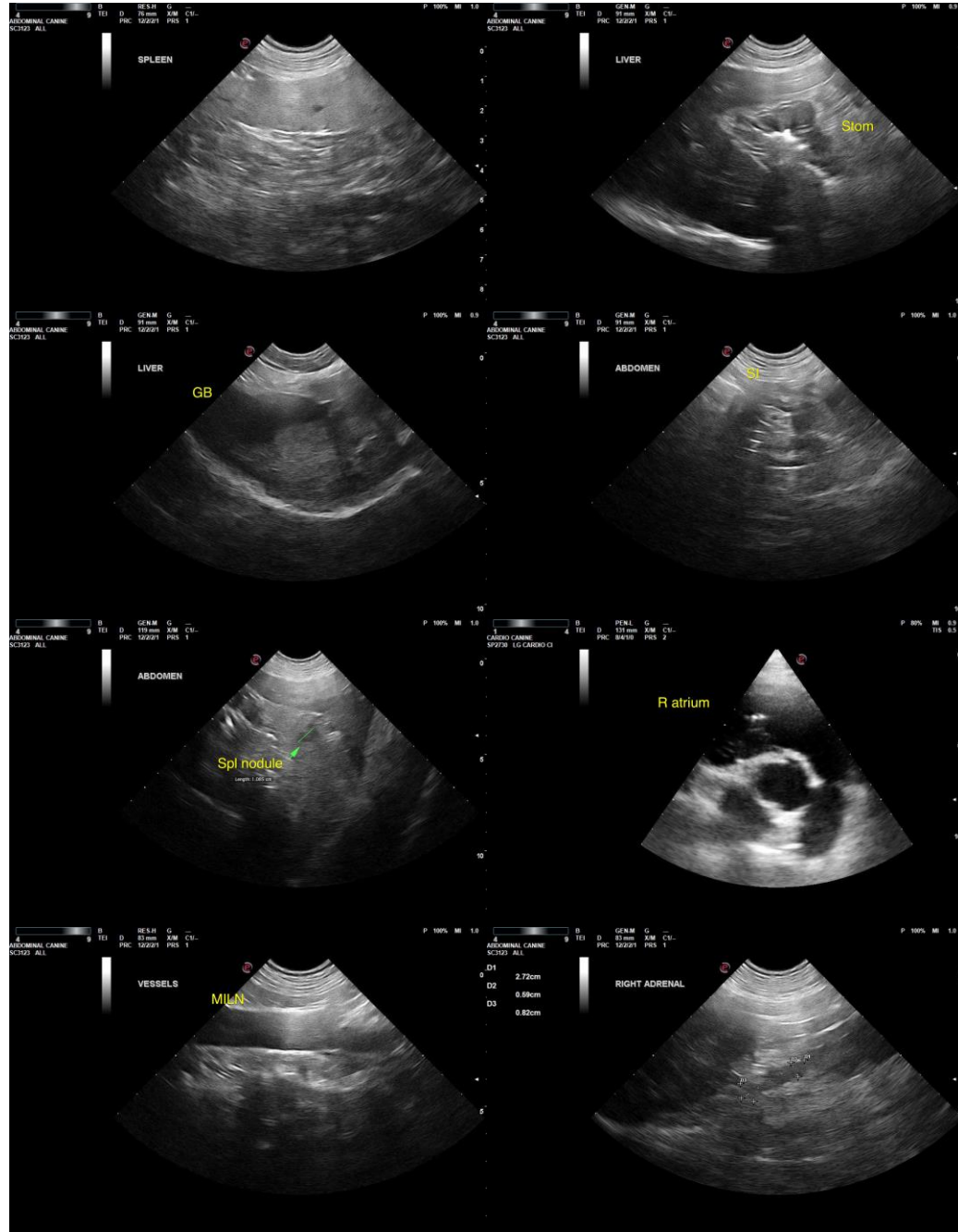
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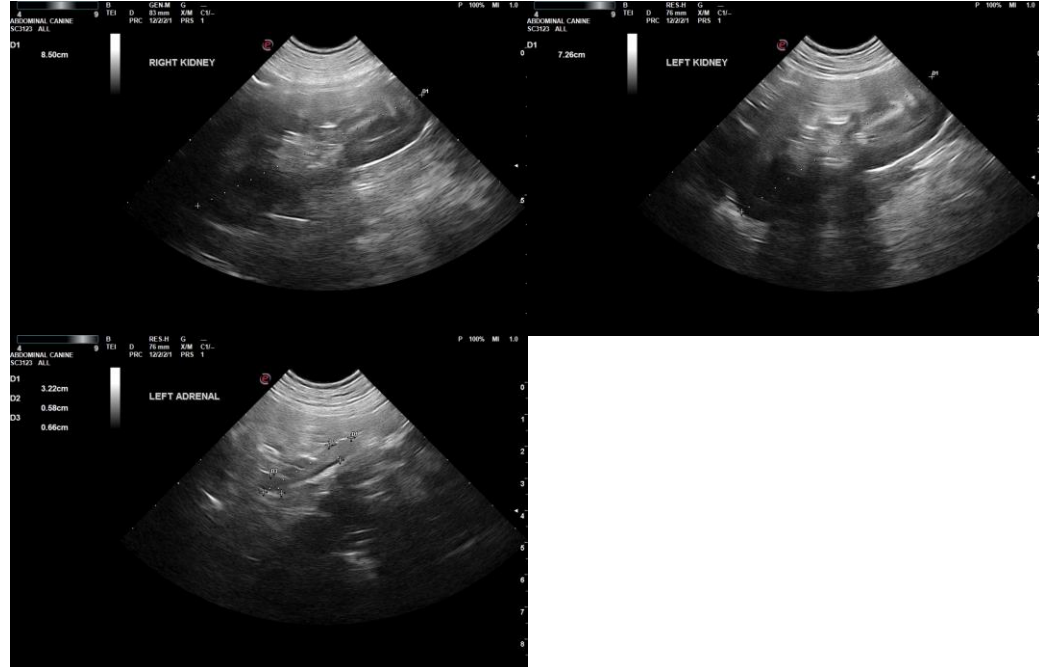
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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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