



PATIENT

Boo Elsfeder

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Boxer

SEX

MN

AGE

4 years

WEIGHT

55 lbs.

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

on 8/2 had acute onset of Vomiting, Diarrhea, decreased appetite. May have eaten something in the home. Has lost some weight

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Precision PSL was 416 (n= 24-140) All chems, CBC and fecal were normal Current Medications None

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 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 6.7 cm in length. The right kidney measured 7.0 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 2.5 cm length x 0.55 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 2.1 cm length x 0.49 cm width at the caudal pole.

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. 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

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The stomach presented intact wall layering with a normal wall layer ratio. The lumen of the stomach was empty without evidence of gastric distention secondary to retained fluid, ingesta, 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. No evidence of small intestinal mechanical / metabolic ileus, foreign material, or abnormal to loss of small intestinal wall layering.

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The colon walls presented intact yet mildly prominent descending colon wall layering with mild thickened to echogenic submucosa. A mild amount of semi-formed to soft descending colon fecal matter, consistent with reported diarrhea, was present in the colon lumen with lumen dilation.

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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 overt lymphadenopathy or peritoneal effusion was present.

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Sonographically unremarkable abdomen
- Structurally normal gastrointestinal tract with potential mild colitis

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

No sonographic evidence of overt gastroenterocolic pathology was evident. At times, the gastrointestinal presentation does not always correlate with current or chronic gastrointestinal signs. Considerations in this patient may include; dietary Indiscretion / food intolerance, dysbiosis, occult parasitism, occult Addison's Disease, acute gastrointestinal insult, infectious disease, IBD, or low-grade to chronic pancreatitis, both of which may present as sonographically normal, or less likely in this case, infiltrative neoplasia. Further assessment may include a GI panel to include PLI/TLI/Cobalamin/Folate and a resting cortisol level to assess for or rule out occult Addison's Disease.

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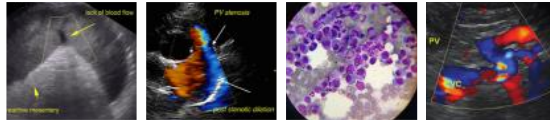
Empirically, a limited antigen or hydrolyzed diet trial with potential long term dietary therapy, prophylactic deworming (Panacur 50 mg/kg SID x 5 consecutive days with repeat protocol in 3 weeks even if fecal testing is negative), high colony count probiotic (Provable or Visbiome), antibiotic trial and as needed gastrointestinal support with assessment of clinical response may prove beneficial. Endoscopic intestinal biopsies may be considered if GI signs persist/progress despite empirical therapy and additional screening diagnostics.

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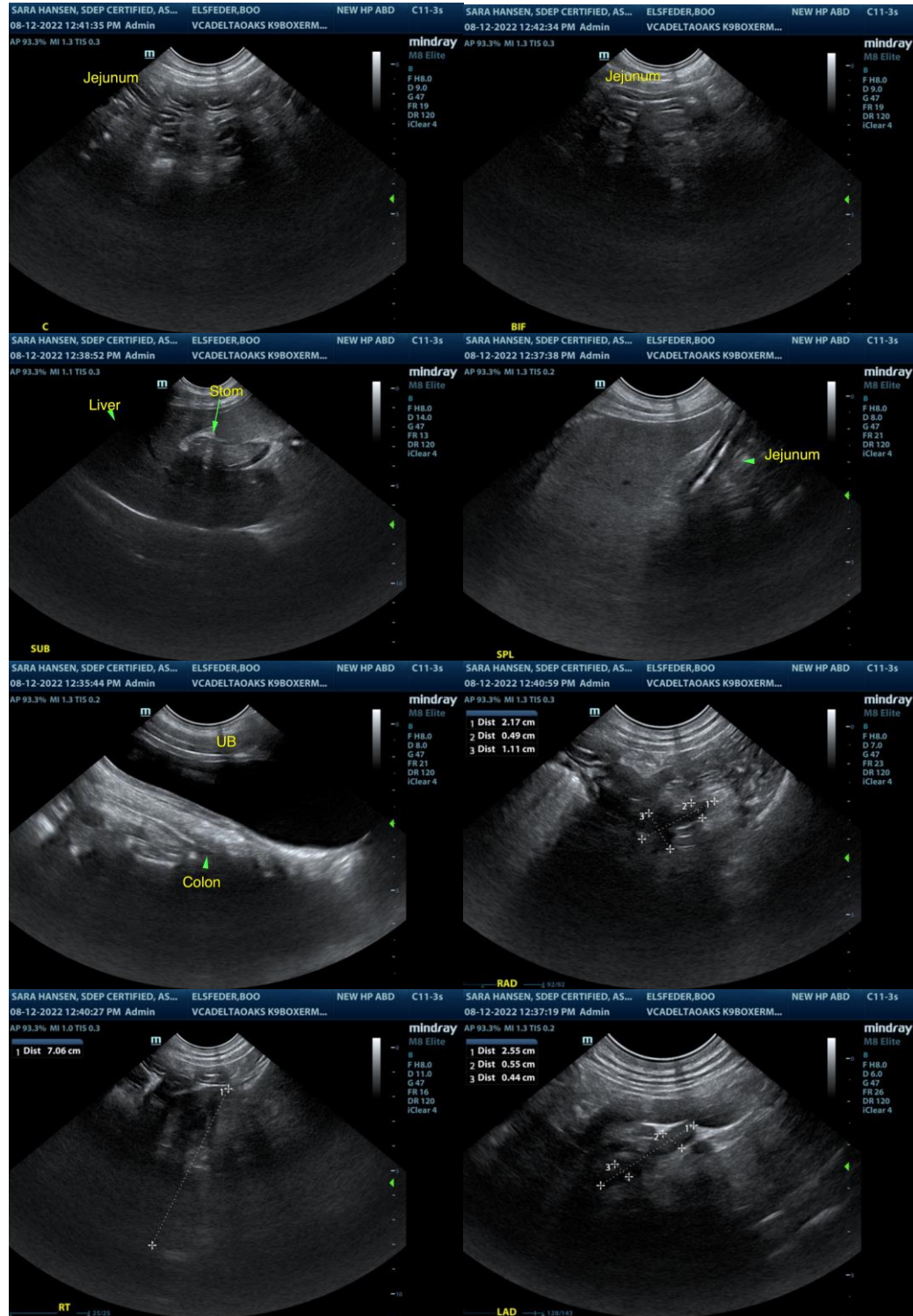
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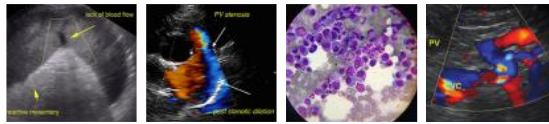
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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