



**PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Joey Yanuzzi vomiting, hx of FB, hx of IBD

**SPECIES ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE HEART & ABDOMEN**

Canine

**BREED**

Miniature Dachshund

**SEX**

Intact Male

**AGE**

3 Years

**WEIGHT**

15.8 Pounds

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CANINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	MR VMAX (m/s)	TR VMAX (m/s)	LA/AO (Boon method)	LA/AO (Heart Base; Swe)	FS (%)	EF (%)	EPSS (cm)
NORMAL PARAMETER	4.5-5.5	<2.7	1.3	<1.6	28-40	40-100	<0.6
PATIENT			NM	1.43	42.9	77.3	0.14
CANINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	HR (BPM)	AV VMAX (m/s)	PV MAX (m/s)	BODY WEIGHT (kg)	LA 2D short axis Base view (cm)	LVIDd Avg; 2D and m-mode short axis (cm)	LVIDs Avg; 2D and m-mode short axis (cm)
NORMAL PARAMETER	50-100	0.7-1.7	0.7-1.6				
PATIENT	171	1.0	0.8		2.3	2.45	

**Cardiac Presentation**

The echocardiogram in this patient demonstrated normal **left atrial** size based on 3 separate methods of LA evaluation. The cranial and caudal **mitral** valve leaflets presented normal linear structure, extension in systole, and union in diastole with normal kinesis. The **left ventricle** presented thicknesses with linear contour and was not dilated nor restricted. The **myocardium** presented normal echogenicity without subjective evidence of significant fibrotic or ischemic disease. **Contractility** of the ventricular walls was adequate and in normal range for this patient evidenced by the fractional shortening measurement and subjective evaluation of the different regions of the myocardium. The **left ventricular outflow** tract demonstrated normal laminar flow and subjective structural integrity. The **right atrium** and auricle revealed normal size, structure and content. No evidence of masses was noted. **Tricuspid** valvular assessment demonstrated adequate linear morphology and kinesis. The **right ventricle** was of normal size (1/3 diameter of LV), chordae structure, myocardial echogenicity and thickness. **Pulmonary outflow** tract assessment revealed normal valve structure, laminar flow, and diameter (approx. 1:1 pa/ao ratio). No visible **pericardial** or free pleura fluid was noted. The cranial **mediastinum and pericardial and extra-cardiac regions** were free of masses in the visible window.

**Urinary System**

The urinary bladder, trigone, cystourethral junction, and visible pelvic urethra to a depth of 2.0 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 changes were noted.

The prostate was enlarged in size with intact, symmetrical capsule contour. The margins of the gland were intact and able to be differentiated from the surrounding tissue. The prostatic parenchyma was mildly echogenic to heterochoic without parenchymal mineralization. The prostate measured 3.3 cm x 2.6 cm.



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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 4.2 cm. The right kidney measured 4.6 cm.

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The area of the aortic trifurcation was free of pathology.

**Adrenal Glands**

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The adrenal glands were uniform in size and contour with a uniformly hypoechoic parenchyma. The left adrenal gland measured 1.9 cm length x 0.43 cm at the caudal pole. The right adrenal gland measured 1.9 cm length x 0.49 cm at the caudal pole.

**Spleen**

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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.

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**Liver**

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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.

**Gastrointestinal**

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The stomach exhibited sonographically unremarkable wall layering with minor retained chyme and focal shadowing luminal ingesta or echo measuring approximately 2.0-2.5 cm in diameter. The echo did not appear to be obstructive.

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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. Jejunum wall measured 0.20 cm.

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Normal visible colon wall layers were present with apparent formed feces in lumen.

**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 was evident.

**Free Abdomen**

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Focal, mildly prominent to enlarged mid abdominal mesenteric node was present, measuring 0.7 cm in width. The lymph node was essentially isoechoic to adjacent omentum without evidence of peripheral inflammation and maintaining a normal width: length ratio (<0.5).

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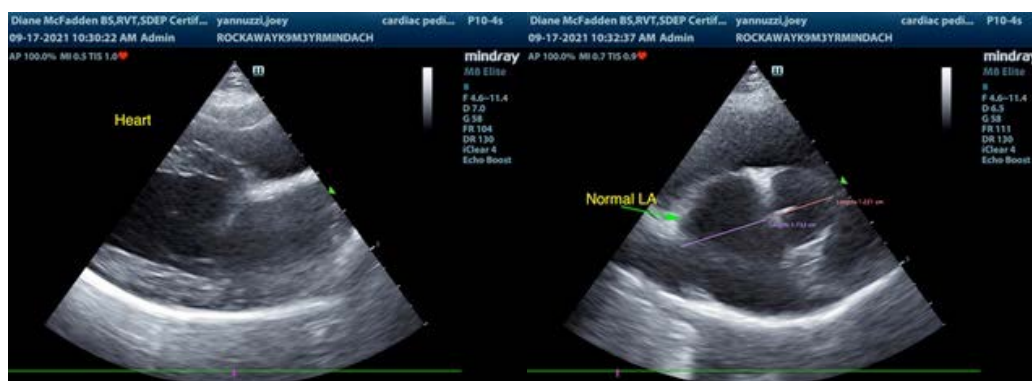
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**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

- Normal echocardiogram
- Shadowing gastric ingesta/echo
- Sonographically unremarkable small bowel
- Focal reactive mesenteric lymph node

**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

The shadowing gastric ingesta or echo is strongly suggestive of non-obstructive gastric foreign material or body given the patient's history and current vomiting. Potential for dense ingesta or medication (if clinically indicated) also possible, yet given the patient's history of vomiting, ingesta would not be anticipated within the gastric lumen. Exploratory laparotomy with expectation towards gastrotomy is warranted. Gastrointestinal biopsies would be considered essential given the patient's history of IBD. Conservatively, hospitalization with IV fluid and gastrointestinal support with documented NPO and recheck sonogram in 12-24 hours would be a conservative approach.



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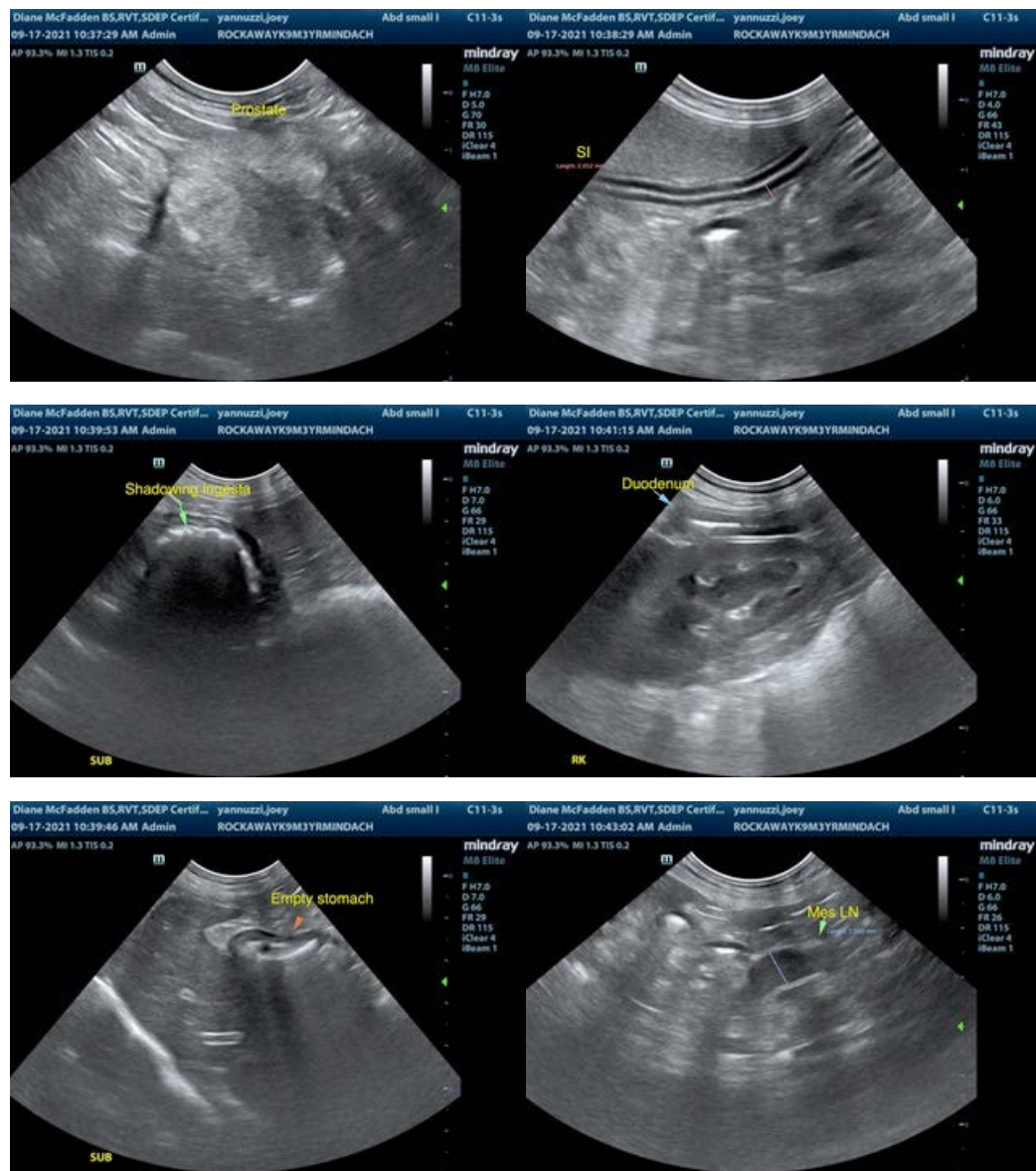
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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