



**PATIENT**

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Chilli Robles Bernabe

Pet presented for second opinion due to acute hx of diarrhea. Was hospitalized at another clinic for 5 days. Initial bloodwork revealed mild anemia, leukocytosis, hypocalcemia and hypoproteinemia. Was preliminarily diagnosed with protein losing enteropathy. Symptoms have somewhat subsided after hospitalization but the abdomen on radiographs seems to be distended with hepatomegaly and feces within the intestines. There seems to be something else going on. Leukocytes are higher today despite IV tx with Unasyn and Metronidazole.

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Maltese

**SEX**

Neutered Male

**AGE**

8 Years

**INTERPRETED BY**

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**RADIOGRAPHIC STUDY OF THE ABDOMEN**

Right lateral and ventrodorsal whole body views totaling 2 images available for review.

Abdominal read requested.

**RADIOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

The abdominal cavity appears to be large in volume with pendulous abdominal wall.

The tail of the spleen is seen in the cranial abdomen, ventral to the stomach, border effacing with the liver.

No significant enlargement of the liver is noted.

The gastrointestinal tract appears to be postprandial. A moderate amount of granulated soft tissue opaque material mixed with gas is seen within the stomach.

Crowding of nondilated small intestinal loops is seen in the center of the abdominal cavity.

The abdominal serosal detail is slightly reduced in the center of the abdominal cavity.

A moderate amount of fecal matter is seen within the colon.

The kidneys and urinary bladder present within normal limits.

The abdominal boundaries present within normal limits.

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Alejandrino Animal  
Hospital

**REFERRING VET**

Dra. Olazagasti

**RADIOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSIS**

- Postprandial gastrointestinal tract with crowding of bowel loops in the center of the abdomen and regionally reduced serosal detail.

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

The reduced serosal detail in the center of the abdomen is likely secondary to the crowding of small intestinal loops. Regional peritonitis or small amounts of free fluid cannot be ruled out entirely.

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The presentation on the gastrointestinal tract is that of a postprandial stomach and intestine with no evidence of abnormal dilation, plication, or radiopaque foreign material. Functional ileus is a potential. No evidence of mechanical ileus is seen.



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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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