



**PATIENT**

Dobby Ertter

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Hasn't been eating well in the mornings for the past couple of months. Does have a history of back pain. No vomiting, will usually eat dinner but picky with breakfast and intermittently eating now. Will still go for 2-3 mile walks and still wants to be outside for walks.

**SPECIES**

Canine

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Some pain when lower cervical spine palpated, crepitus when L shoulder extended and very reluctant to extend R shoulder today. Does have some pain when low thorax to high lumbar spine palpated but no neurologic deficits seen today. Abdomen palpating WNL, not acting painful on palpation.

**BREED**

Dachshund Mix

**RADIOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

**Spine**

Number, alignment, and general anatomy of the cervical, thoracic, and lumbar vertebrae present within normal limits.

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Mineralization of the intervertebral disc C2/3 is seen.

Mild narrowing of the intervertebral disc space T12/13 is noted.

**AGE**

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**Abdomen**

No abnormalities of the extraabdominal soft tissues are noted. The abdominal wall is smooth and thin.

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The serosal detail is maintained throughout the peritoneal and retroperitoneal space.

The liver is appropriate in position, size and presents uniform opacity.

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The splenic head is in the anticipated position and within normal limits for size and opacity. The splenic body and tail are considered normal for position, size, shape and opacity.

Both kidneys are seen and present with normal size, shape, delineation and opacity. The urinary bladder is in its anticipated position. No radiopaque calculi are noted throughout the upper and lower urinary tract.

**REFERRING VET**

Dr. Sarah Preston

The stomach is in its anticipated position and presents normal content.

The small intestinal loops are of even diameter and non-dilated, a small amount of gas is seen within the small intestinal loops and considered within normal limits.

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The colon is seen in the expected position and presents with appropriate content.

**Shoulders**

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Mineralization appears to be present cranial and medial to the left greater humeral tubercle.

The left shoulder presents mild periarticular osteophytosis.

The right shoulder presents within normal limits.



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### RADIOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSIS

- Intervertebral disc disease C2/3 and T12/13.
- Normal radiographic findings of the abdomen with no evidence of mechanical ileus.
- Suspect mineralizing left supraspinatus tendinopathy and mild left shoulder osteoarthritis.

### INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

The radiographic findings suggest potential for intervertebral disc disease with chondroid disc degeneration of the intervertebral disc C2/3. These changes may reflect uncomplicated degenerative chondroid disc degeneration and are not necessarily associated with disc hernia or compressive myelopathy. The intervertebral disc space narrowing at T12/13 may represent intervertebral disc disease with or without concurrent disc hernia. Further definition by means of cross sectional imaging could be considered depending on the severity and development of the clinical signs.

Consider abdominal ultrasound for further definition in case of persisting vomiting.

**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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