**PATIENT**

George Benavides

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Dachshund

SEX

MN

AGE

9 years

WEIGHT

6.9 kg

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: Progressive lethargy and hyporexia with acute onset anorexia, melena and weakness. Laparotomy (6/8) – resection of distal duodenal mass, partial pancreatectomy, hepatic biopsies.

Physical Examination: N/A.

Urinalysis: N/A.

Pre-surgery CBC: mild anemia, neutrophilia, thrombocytosis.

Pre-surgery Serum Biochemistry: Mildly elevated ALP activity.

Radiographic Findings: N/A.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**Urinary System**

Full urinary bladder with a normal appearance and thickness of the wall. Normal anechoic urine with no sediment or uroliths evident.

Normal trigone area, proximal urethra, and iliac blood vessels.

Normal iliac lymph nodes. Ureters not visualized.

Left kidney – normal size, echogenic appearance, cortico-medullary differentiation, pelvis, and capsule.

Right kidney – not visualized.

Reproductive System

N/A.

Adrenal Glands

Not visualized.

Spleen

Normal size and echogenic appearance. Smooth homogenous parenchyma, smooth curvi-linear capsule, and normal vasculature. No evidence of inflammatory, neoplastic, infarction, or infiltrative changes noted.

Liver

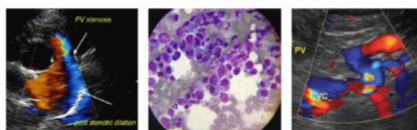
Normal size, hyperechogenic appearance, and some loss of portal markings. No nodules or masses evident. Gall bladder and bile duct not visualized.

Gastrointestinal

Normal appearance of the stomach, duodenum, small intestine, ileo-cecal junction, and colon with no loss of layering, normal wall thickness (duodenum 0.41 cm, jejunum 0.33 cm, colon 0.1 cm) and peristaltic activity, and no distension of the lumen. Normal appearance of the distal duodenum. Fluid accumulation within the stomach.

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PATIENT***Pancreas***

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Enlarged and irregular with a mottled echogenic appearance. Hyperechogenic appearance of the mesentery and fat surrounding the pancreas.

SPECIES***Free Abdomen***

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Prominent mesenteric lymph nodes (0.4 x 2.8 cm) with normal shape and echogenic appearance. Hyperechogenic and nodular appearance of the mesentery, especially cranially. Moderate amount of cellular ascites.

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**SEX**

Primary Findings:

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- Pancreatitis.
- Nodular mesenteric inflammation.
- Ascites.

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Secondary Findings:

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- None.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**INTERPRETED BY**

The appearance of the pancreas is consistent with pancreatitis and most likely secondary to the recent surgery and biopsy.

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Although the appearance of the mesenteric lymph node, liver, mesentery, and ascites can all be ascribed to the recent surgery, peritonitis needs to be considered.

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Further assessment would be analysis of the ascitic fluid and regular ultrasound monitoring of the abdomen for progressive ascites, adhesions, and possibly obstruction of the bile duct.

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Symptomatic management would be fluid therapy, correction of electrolyte anomalies (if present), opioid analgesics, and nutritional support, the latter may require tube feeding.

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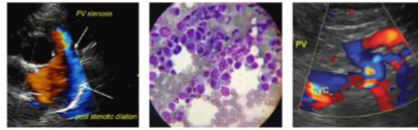
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Duodenum

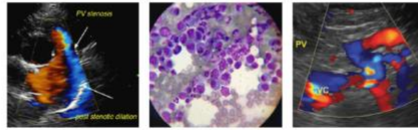


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Mesenteric lymph node/mesentery



Abdomen



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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