



**PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Cochise Allen Anorexia and severe dehydration intermittently for past 3 months. Has responded to IV antibiotics and IV fluids but relapses.  
 Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Non-regenerative anemia with a moderate neutrophilia. Normal serum biochemistry

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**RADIOGRAPHIC STUDY OF THE ABDOMEN**

Radiographs of the abdomen in two orthogonal imaging planes are provided for review.

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**RADIOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

The surrounding bony structures are within normal limits.  
 The abdominal volume is increased.

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The peritoneal serosal detail is lost, effacing the margins of the abdominal organs.  
 The stomach is moderately distended by gas and contains a small amount of chymus. The gastric axis is deviated caudally.

**AGE**

11 Years

The small intestinal loops appear adynamic and contain fluid and gas.

**RADIOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSIS**

- Peritoneal effusion
- Possible hepatomegaly
- Adynamic small intestinal loops

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The radiographic study is consistent with peritoneal effusion, an underlying cause for the peritoneal effusion cannot be specified in the radiographic study – it can be paraneoplastic, hepatic disease, inflammatory, pancreatitis, renal disease, cardiac disease, other. At this point there are no signs for free peritoneal gas.

The gas distended and adynamic appearing small gastrointestinal tract can be a sequela to the peritoneal effusion, related to stress, pain or due to (sub)ileus.

**REFERRING VET**

Dr. Ryan Sherwood

Potentials for the hepatomegaly include metabolic hepatic disease/steroid induced hepatopathy, hepatitis or neoplastic infiltration.

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As an underlying cause for the peritoneal effusion and the presenting clinical signs cannot be specified by radiography, a complete abdominal ultrasound examination would be ideal for further definition as the peritoneal effusion is effacing potential abdominal lesions. Further workup warrants tapping the peritoneal effusion as well.

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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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