



PATIENT

Biscuit Higgins

PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Patient was doing ok yesterday then started having trouble today with vomiting and difficulty breathing. Later owner found him hiding under the stairs struggling to breath and acutely lateral. Patient died after xrays were taken. He vomited green bile twice before passing. No lab work done.

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Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Severely hypothermic, tachycardic, tachypneic, crackles and wheezes, bile in mouth.

RADIOGRAPHIC STUDY OF THE THORAX & ABDOMEN

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An overview study including the thorax and abdomen in three imaging planes is provided for review.

RADIOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

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Thorax

The surrounding bony structures are within normal limits.

The extrathoracic soft tissues present homogeneous without abnormalities.

The cardiac silhouette presents a decreased volume and slender conformation. The pulmonary vasculature presents a mild decreased diameter.

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2 Years, 3 Months

The trachea is normal in diameter and presents the anticipated course. The luminal outline of the trachea is smooth.

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The bronchial walls are prominent.

The lung parenchyma presents a mild increased radiolucency.

The diaphragm is in a relative cranial position.

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Abdomen

The surrounding bony structures are within normal limits.

The abdomen presents a moderate increased volume.

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The serosal peritoneal detail is lost and the peritoneal fat presents a pronounced soft tissue striation and soft tissue material is seen throughout the peritoneal cavity, partially effacing the margins of the abdominal organs.

The stomach is moderately distended by gas. Multiple segments of the intestinal tract are mildly distended by gas and appear adynamic.

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The hepatic volume appears enlarged.

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.

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RADIOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSIS

- Peritoneal effusion
- Suspect hepatomegaly
- Hypovolemia
- Aerophagia
- Mild bronchial pattern

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

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The main finding is the peritoneal effusion that can present exudate or transudate. In addition, the liver appears prominent - potentials for the hepatomegaly include metabolic hepatic disease/steroid induced hepatopathy, hepatitis or neoplastic infiltration.

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The thorax presents without specific abnormalities but the bronchial pattern.

Overall the findings are not specific and would have warranted advanced diagnostic tests. Anyway, given the acute onset of clinical signs and deterioration of clinical signs, pulmonary thromboembolism, septic shock, or acute hemorrhage might be underlying causes here.

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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.

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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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