



**PATIENT**

Duke Peterson

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Duke ate some cat food on Saturday about a 1/4 cup and was doing normal routine on the ranch following owner around. Could have eaten something on the ranch. Ate Sat. night and drank water, but has had none since. Eating little Caesars dog food he does not have many teeth. Owner reports Duke is bloated and not eating or drinking since Sat night.

**SPECIES**

Canine

**RADIOGRAPHIC STUDY OF THE ABDOMEN**

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

**BREED**

Chihuahua

**RADIOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

The body condition score is 8/9.

**SEX**

Neutered Male

The surrounding bony structures are within normal limits.

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

**AGE**

11.5 Years

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

The hepatic volume is moderately increased the liver is protruding beyond the costal arch; the gastric axis is deviated caudally. The caudoventral hepatic margins are rounded.

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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.

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The stomach is in its anticipated position and is empty.

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.

**REFERRING VET**

Leon Anderson, DVM

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

**RADIOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSIS**

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- Obesity
- Hepatomegaly
- Empty stomach

**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The empty stomach is a sequela to hyporexia, but no underlying cause for the presenting clinical signs are appreciated in the current radiographic study. There is no evidence of radiopaque foreign material or signs for gastrointestinal mechanical obstruction. If not done so yet, recommend complementing workup by complete blood work including cpl. If clinical signs are



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refractory to therapy, recommend follow up radiographs or a complete abdominal ultrasound examination.

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Potentials for the hepatomegaly include metabolic hepatic disease/steroid induced hepatopathy, hepatitis or neoplastic infiltration. Ultrasound including FNA sampling can be used as minimally advanced diagnostic tests.

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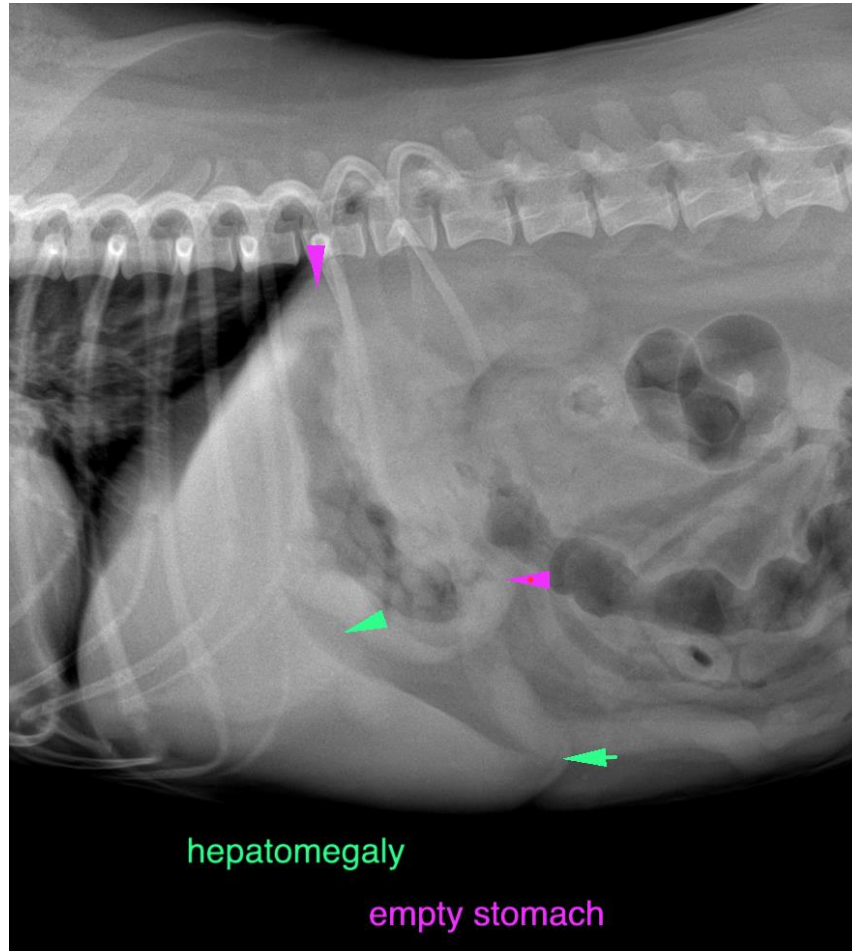
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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