



PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

PATIENT Bo Paquette
SPECIES Canine
BREED German Shorthaired Pointer

Few months ago dog had encounter with porcupine - had ~300 quills in face, neck and thorax. Many were removed, confirmed not all removed. Since then had one episode of dyspnea - resolved. Has shifting leg lameness, wobbliness, bumping into things. Had marked hematuria with blood clots few days ago. Repeatable LS spinal pain. Concern for discospondylitis vs migrating quills

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Repeatable LS spinal pain. No neurologic deficits. Normal CBC and Chem and PT/PTT. Previous UA had marked hematuria. Now on antibiotics and UA is normal

COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY OF THE THORAX AND ABDOMEN

A pre- and post-contrast CT study of the thorax and abdomen in a bone, lung and soft tissue reconstruction are provided for review.

COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

SEX MN
Thorax

The osseous and soft tissue structures of the cervical spine are within normal limits.

In the venous plexus level T5/T6 in the right aspect of the vertebral canal, a mild amount of gas is appreciated, shifting position between the different CT series of the thorax.

AGE 2.5 Years
 The bony and surrounding soft tissue structures are within normal limits.

The sternal, cranial mediastinal and tracheobronchial lymph nodes are small elongated with a normal short-to-long-axis-ratio is < 0.5, the attenuation and contrast enhancement pattern is uniform and considered within normal limits.

The cardiovascular structures including the pulmonary vasculature are within normal limits.

The bronchial tree presents with regular branching and tapers uniformly towards the periphery as expected, the bronchial walls are thin and smooth. The bronchus-to-artery ratio is within normal limits.

The lung parenchyma presents the expected architecture and attenuation behavior.

Small incidental gas pockets are seen within the esophageal lumen, there is no evidence of abnormal dilation.

Abdomen

The serosal fat presents normal attenuation behavior. There is no evidence of peritoneal effusion or peritonitis.

Both kidneys present within normal limits for size, shape and organ architecture. After contrast administration a bilaterally symmetric and uniform nephro- and pyelogram is noted.

The adrenal glands are within normal limits for size, shape and organ architecture.

Both liver and spleen present with normal shape, even surface, uniformly attenuating parenchyma and homogeneous contrast enhancement, unremarkable.

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The portal vein presents a normal order of its tributary veins and intrahepatic branching. No abnormal vessel is noted inside and outside of the liver parenchyma.

The pancreas is evenly contoured, the pancreatic parenchyma is homogeneous and presents uniform contrast enhancement.

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The position, delineation, wall and content of the gastrointestinal tract are considered within normal limits throughout.

The bony and surrounding soft tissue structures reveal no abnormalities.

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COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSIS

- Structural normal cervical, thoracic & lumbar spine
- Structural normal thorax
- Structural normal abdomen

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

The CT study is negative for migrating foreign body/porcupine quills and there is no evidence of inflammatory reaction along the entire spine. Be aware, that CT negative CT of the spine does not rule out very early stages of discospondylitis.

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No abnormalities are appreciated, explaining the history of hematuria.

The gas in the epidural space level T4 to T6 is considered as trapped gas in the venous plexus due to IV injection.

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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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