

WHAT IS YOUR DIAGNOSIS

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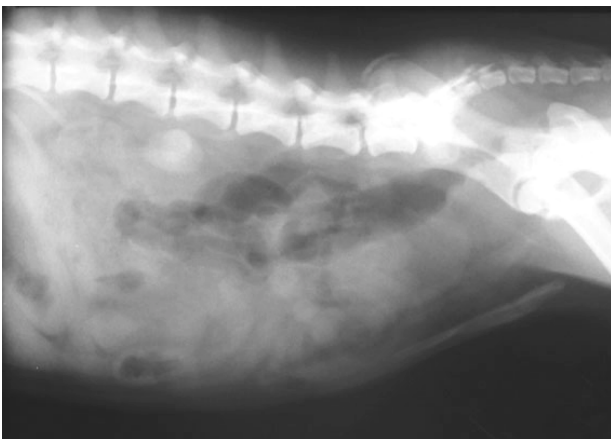


Figure 1 Lateral view of the abdomen of a male dog.



Figure 2 Ventro-dorsal view of the abdomen of the same dog.

History :

A 5-years old male Shitzu dog showed symptoms of haematuria and some cellulitis around the prepuce area over last three months.

Radiographs were taken in the ventro-dorsal and lateral views of the abdomen.

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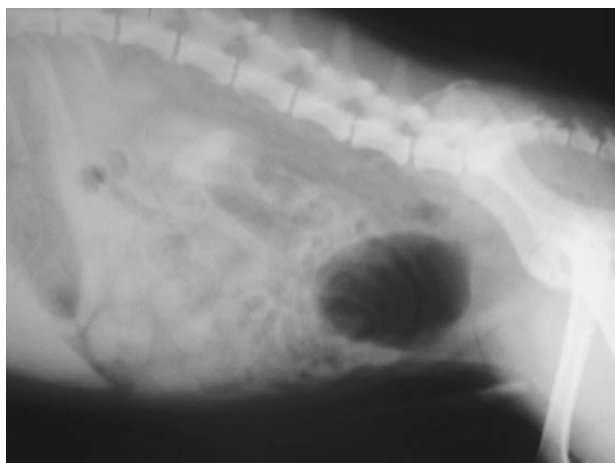


Figure 3 Pneumocystography of the same dog.

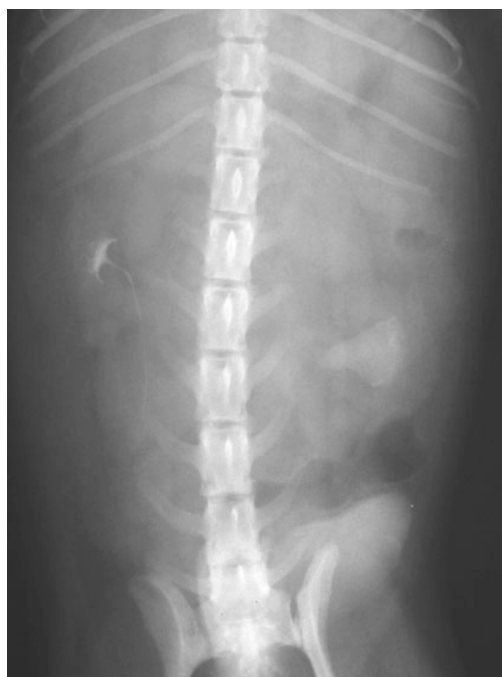


Figure 4 Excretory urography after intravenous pyelography was performed.

Radiographic Diagnosis

Left renal calculi.

Cystitis.

Prostatitis.

Radiographic findings and Comments

The lateral radiograph of the abdomen reveals slight retention of urine in the urinary bladder and enlargement of the prostate gland. There is an opaque radiodense, space occupying mass, 2 x 2 cm. in diameter, ventral to the second and third lumbar vertebra.

The ventro-dorsal radiograph reveals an area of radiopaque material in the middle of the abdomen in the position near the pelvis of the left kidney.

Pneumocystography reveals thickening of the urinary bladder wall, indicating cystitis (Fig. 3). The films were taken at 3, 5, 10 and 30 minutes after intravenous pyelography. A large stone can be observed in the renal pelvis of the left kidney. The right kidney is enlarged but anatomically and functionally normal, 10 minutes after excretory urography (Fig. 4). It has undergone functional and anatomical compensatory hypertrophy.