

Systematic approach to abdominal radiology



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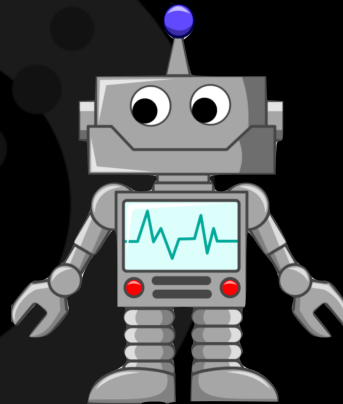
Objectives

1. Optimise the exposure
2. Optimise the positioning
3. Systematic evaluation



How to reduce the mistakes:

- To be systematic !
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QUALITA'			COMMENTI
ESPOSIZIONE	OK	ERRATA	
POSIZIONAMENTO	OK	ERRATO	
IDENTIFICAZIONE	OK	ERRATA	
SVILUPPO	OK	ERRATO	
ARTIFATTI	OK	ERRATI	
INTERPRETAZIONE			
TESSUTI MOLLI EXTRA-ADDOMINALI	OK	NON OK	
STRUTTURE OSSEE	OK	NON OK	
PARETE ADDOMINALE	OK	NON OK	
TORACE CAUDALE	OK	NON OK	
DIAGRAMMA	OK	NON OK	
FEGATO	OK	NON OK	
MILZA	OK	NON OK	
STOMACO	OK	NON OK	
PANCREAS	OK	NON OK	
PICCOLO INTESTINO	OK	NON OK	
GROSSO INTESTINO	OK	NON OK	
CAVITA' PERITONEALE	OK	NON OK	
SPAZIO RETROPERITONEALE	OK	NON OK	
RENI	OK	NON OK	
VESICA	OK	NON OK	
PROSTATI	OK	NON OK	

• Valutazione sistematica

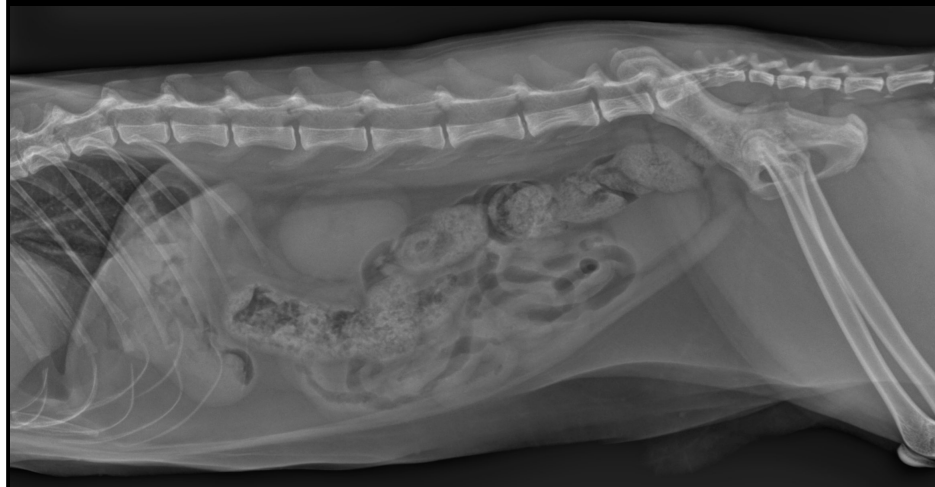
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DIAGNOSI DIFFERENZIALI			
COME CONTINUARE			

Duffy, DHS, FS, 7 years

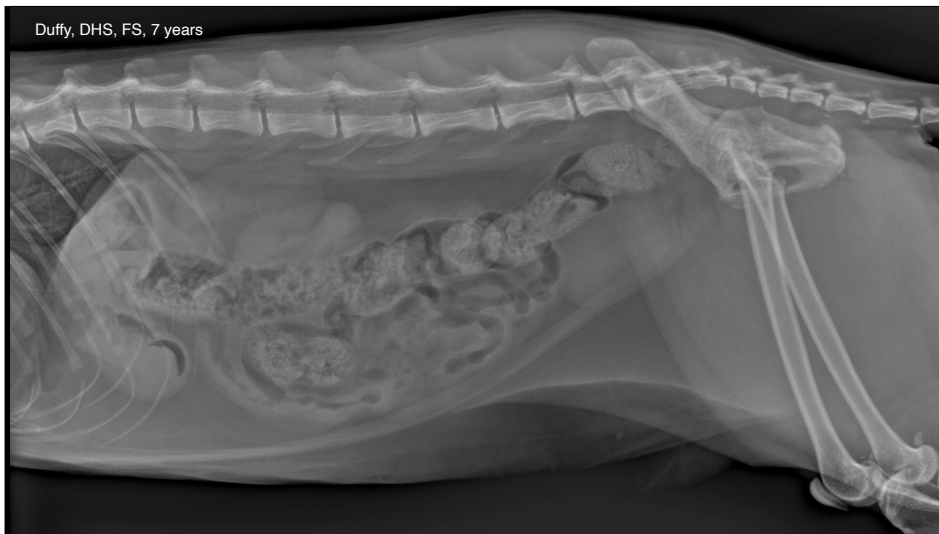
- Attacked by a dog
- Laceration of the soft tissues between the shoulder blades and swelling on the abdominal wall
- Abdominal perforation?



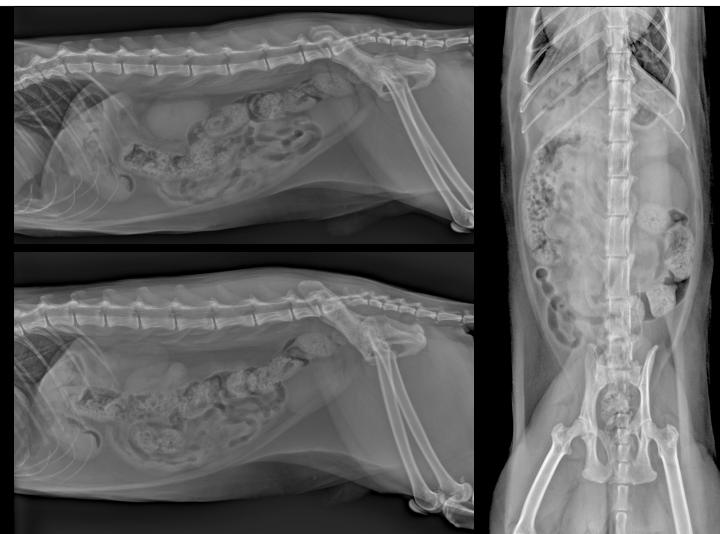
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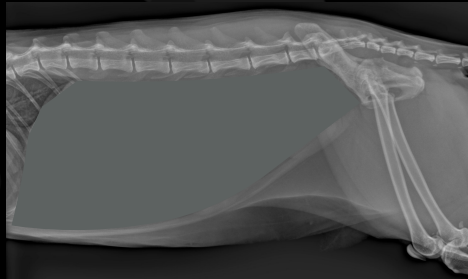
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Systemic evaluation: 1

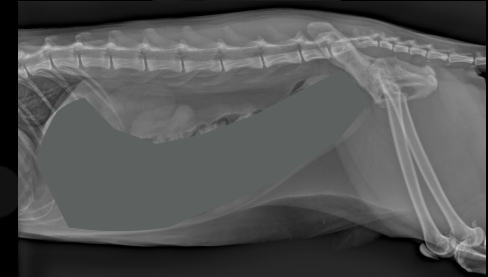
- Extra-abdominal structures:

- Thorax
- Vertebral column
- Pelvis and hind limbs
- Subcutaneous tissues
- Abdominal walls



Systemic evaluation: 2

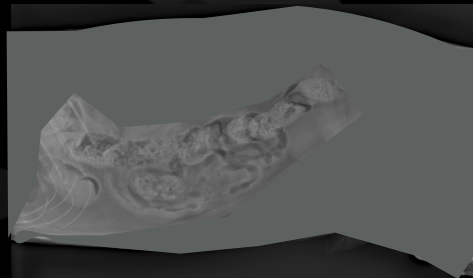
- Retroperitoneal space



Systemic evaluation: 3

- Peritoneal space:

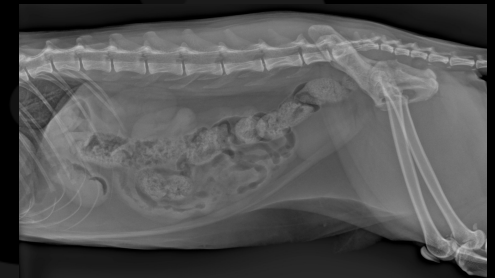
- How is the detail?
- How is the contrast?



Systemic evaluation: 4

- The abdominal organs:

- Evaluation by Roentgen numbers



Roentgen Numbers

- Opacity
- Size
- Shape
- Margins
- Position
- Numbers



You need to know the normal to be able to understand the abnormal

Radiopacity

Opacity >>

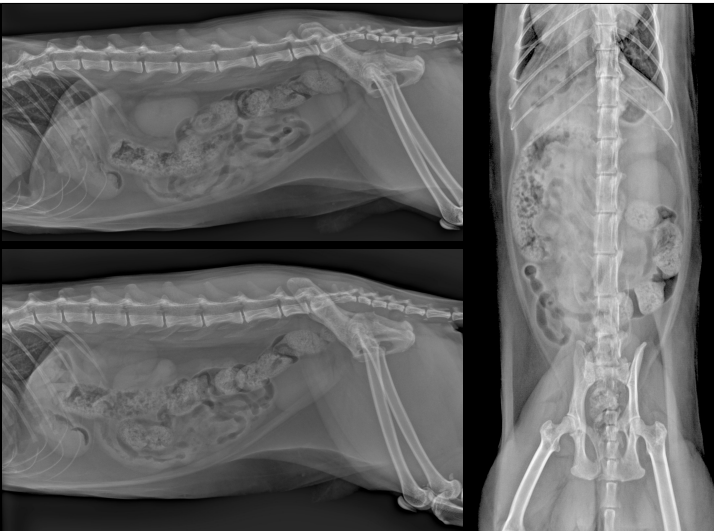
Gas
Fat
Soft tissue
Bone
Metals

<< Opacity



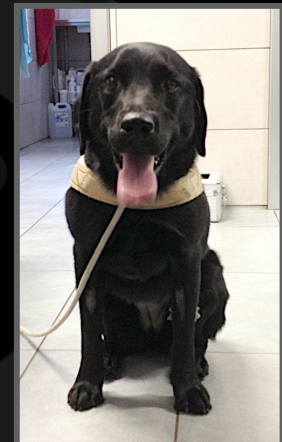
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Radiographic
diagnoses



Maya, Labrador, FI, 3 years

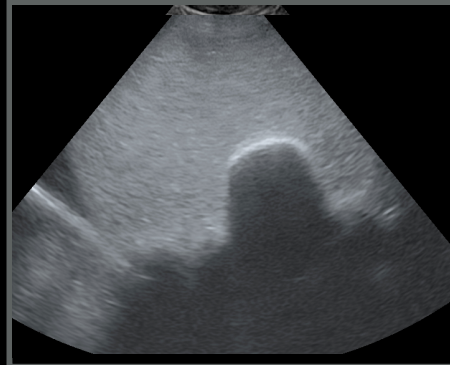
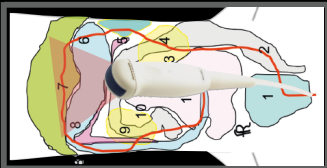
- Vomiting since yesterday
- Still eating but vomit
- Unremarkable abdominal palpation
- Unremarkable lab-works





Maya, FI, 3 years

Probe position in a different patient

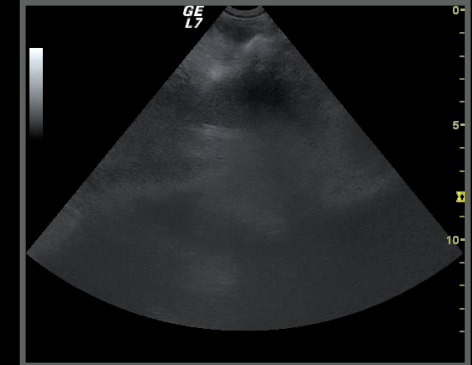


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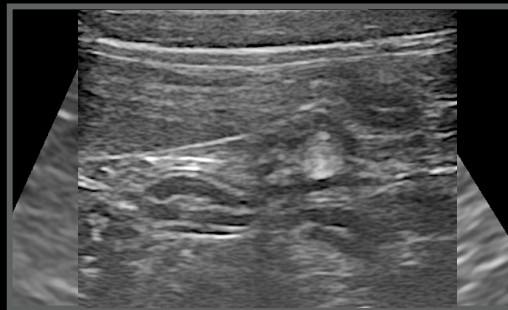
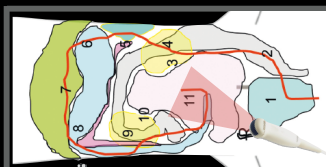


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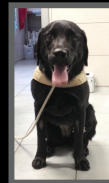
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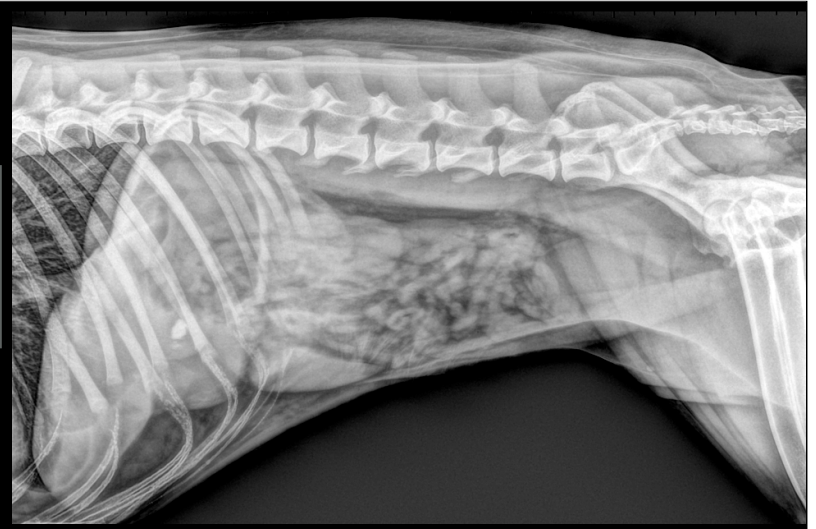
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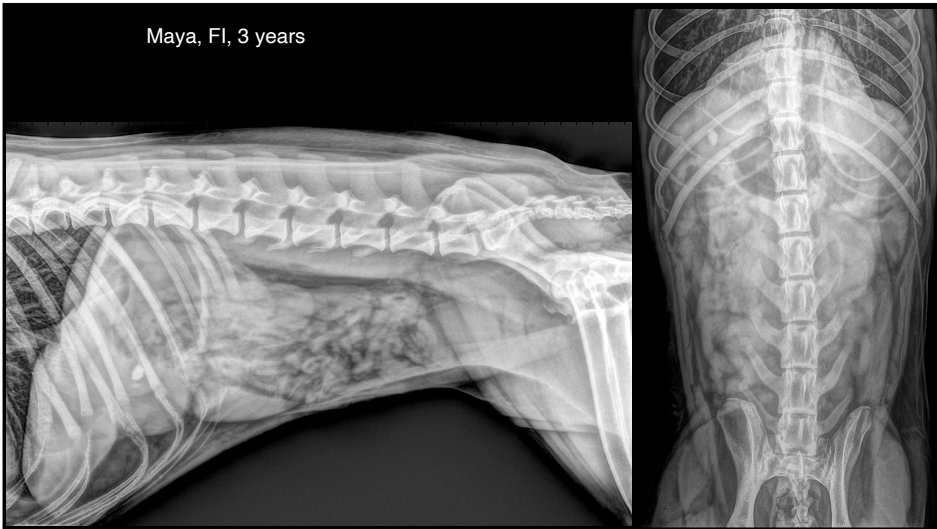
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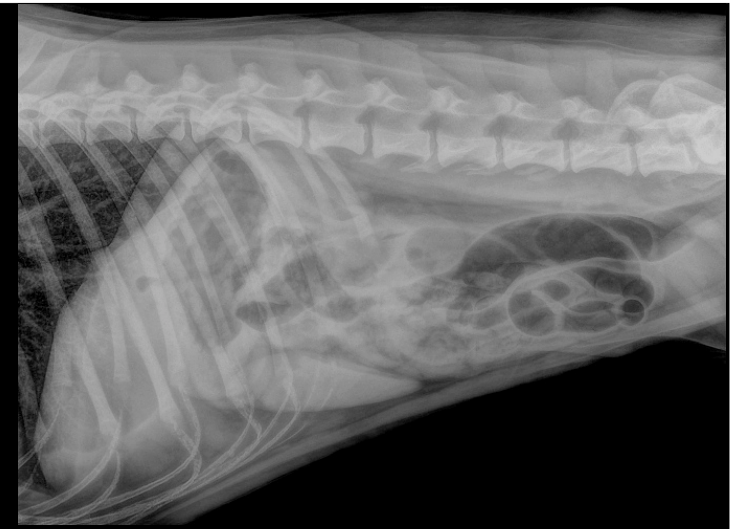
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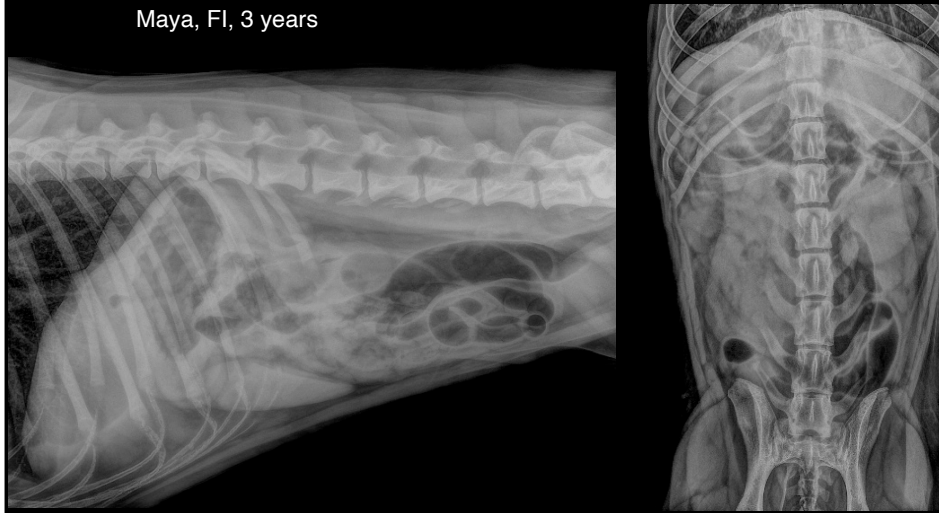
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Conclusions

To decrease the interpretation errors it is
necessary to be systematic!!!

Thank you



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