Diagnostic Exercise

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Clinical History: The patient was a 4-month old, male intact Mastiff. He had a two-day history of lethargy, anorexia, vomiting and diarrhea. Bloodwork performed at the referring veterinarian revealed prolonged PT and PTT.

Laboratory Findings: Abnormalities on the Biochemistry, Blood and Coagulation panels: ALT “too high to read”, blood glucose 23, creatinine normal, AST 805, hyperphosphatemia (9.3), and hypoalbuminemia (2.7), PT>100, PTT>300. The dog was moderately anemic with a normal platelet count of 269 K. There was a leukocytosis with left shift and mild eosinophilia. Other pre-mortem tests included a Leptospirosis antigen “Snap” test, which was negative.
Necropsy Findings: The entire length of the small and large intestinal tract was hemorrhagic or had melena. The liver was friable with a prominent reticular pattern and coarse bright to dark red mottling. The kidneys had a sharp line of demarcation between grossly normal appearing outer cortex and mottled pale pink/bright red inner cortex and medulla.

Follow-Up Questions: Please provide three possible causes.

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