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Patient Information

Name:	Blake
Breed (Species):	American Bully Pocket (Canine)
Age (Birthday):	1 year 5 months (Jan 18, 2025)
Sex:	Female (intact)
Color:	brown merle
Chip:	
Weight:	19.6 kg (43 lbs 3.4 oz)

Owner Information

Name	Address	Mobile	Home	Email
Tera Johnson	4376 Parkton St, Baltimore, MD 21229-4519		4434134544	teejae723@gmail.com

Vitals (Jun 01, 2026 - Jun 18, 2026)

Date	Weight	Heart Rate	Temperature	Respiration
Jun 18, 2026	19.6 Kg (43 lbs 3.4 oz) (12:22 AM)	140 bpm (01:05 AM)	104.4 F (40.22 C) (01:05 AM)	44 rpm (01:05 AM)

History (Jun 01, 2026 - Jun 18, 2026)

JUN 18, 2026

12:15 AM. Visit with for maybe in labor.

Medical Note

Complaint: maybe in labor

Provider: Lisa McKnight

Subjective

Problems:

Notes: Patient presents for possible pregnancy, which O was not aware of until tonight. P was posturing repeatedly, and O assumed P was trying to relieve herself, until she found a dog paw on the floor, and realized P was probably trying to give birth. P lives with 3 intact male dogs, and sister-in-law breeds dogs according to O. P has not wanted to eat for the past two days, and vomited once this evening before coming in. (CAB)

Current Medications: none
Code Status: CPR.

Objective

Abdomen:

Notes: Significantly distended abdomen. Palpable firm structures
Rectal: Not performed

Body Condition Score: 3/9

Cardiovascular:

Notes: No murmur or arrhythmia, Femoral pulses strong and synchronous

Lymph Nodes:

Notes: All peripheral nodes palpate normally

Musculoskeletal:

Notes: AmbulatoryX4, normal strength and tone, no swelling noted on any limb or at any joint. No pain noted on palpation or range of motion of any limb. Decrease in muscle mass along spine.

Nasal:

Notes: No nasal discharge

Neurologic:

Notes: Mentation appropriate, No weakness or ataxia, no proprioceptive deficits, menace/palpebral/PLR normal, no pain on spinal or neck palpation

Ophthalmic:

Notes: Clear corneas OU, no discharge OU, normal retina and anterior chamber OU

Oral:

Notes: No dental disease

Otic / Ears:

Notes: No debris AU

Reproductive:

Notes: Enlarged mammary glands. Intermittent dark greenish vaginal discharge noted. Vulva enlarged. Digital vaginal exam performed- firm structure palpated

Respiratory:

Notes: Eupneic, no crackles or wheezes ausculted.

Skin and Coat:

Notes: No parasites seen, normal haircoat with normal skin.

Urogenital:

Notes: The owner reports normal urination.

Vital Signs:

MM color: pink
Capillary Refill Time: 1 seconds. <2s
Temperature: 104.4 F. rectal
Heartrate: 140 bpm.
Respiration: 44 rpm.
Weight: 19.6 Kg.
Notes: Attitude: BAR
Pain Score (0-4): 1-2

Assessment

Diagnoses:

Notes: Underweight r/o malnutrition vs. intestinal parasites vs. other
Dystocia r/o maternal causes (uterine inertia vs. stress vs. metabolic abnormalities vs. systemic disease vs. narrow pelvic) vs fetal cause (oversized fetus vs. abnormality with presentation vs. death vs. developmental defects).

Client Communication

Notes: On presentation technician discussed performing radiographs to check number of puppies and to screen for possible obstruction in birth canal. Owner stated that she had no funds. Technician recommended applying for both care credit and scratch pay. Owner was declined for both financial assistance options. Spoke with owner in exam room after performing physical exam. The owner reported multiple potential sires in the household, including a Dogo Argentino, a French Bulldog, and another smaller

bully breed. Physical examination revealed a fever and palpable fetal presence high in the pelvic canal, with no evidence of imminent delivery. The primary concern was the risk of uterine rupture and subsequent sepsis if intervention was delayed. Financial constraints were discussed (owner stated that she had no funds), limiting immediate surgical intervention or any other forms of treatment. The owner was advised of the critical nature of the situation, including the likelihood of maternal death without surgical intervention. Explained that patient was suffering and would continue to suffer unless treatment and surgery was performed. Options provided included seeking assistance from low-cost clinics (which would not be for another 7-8 hours and patient could continue to decline in that time period) or potential surrender to hospital (there was a staff member that was willing to provide necessary medical to patient) or shelter. Owner declined and stated that she just was going to take patient home. Explained that taking patient home was going against medical advice and owner needed to understand that patient could suffer greatly and eventually pass away. Owner understood and stated that she still wanted to take patient home. Let owner know that we would administer subcutaneous fluids, pain medication and anti-nausea medication (explained that analgesics could adversely affect the fetuses). Owner agreed to treatments, which were done at no charge to owner.
- Patient presented with dystocia, fever, and palpable but undeliverable fetuses.
- Multiple potential sires identified; size disparity noted as a complicating factor.
- Risk of uterine rupture and sepsis discussed as primary medical concerns.
- Financial limitations precluded immediate cesarean section.
- Supportive care offered: subcutaneous fluids and pain medication, with risks to fetuses explained.
- Owner advised to seek low-cost clinic services at earliest opportunity.
- Prognosis guarded to poor without surgical intervention; owner counseled regarding potential for suffering and mortality.

Diagnostics

Notes: AFAST- what appeared to be one large fetus noted. No obvious heart beats noted.

Plan

Notes: Treatment:
Plasmalyte 500mls SQ
Methadone (10mg/ml) 0.58ml SQ
Cerenia (10mg/ml) 2mls SQ

Medications TGH:
None
DVM Initials - Record Complete: LM
Tech Initials - Record Complete: cab

2 mL of Maropitant Citrate Injection - 10 mg/mL.
Lot #: 849695
Expiration: Aug 31, 2028

0.58 mL of Methadone Injection - 10mg/mL.
Lot #: 26-8,9,10 (B255142)
Manufacturer: Mylan
Expiration: May 31, 2027

1 Unit(s) of Fluids, Subcutaneous (500+ ml).

1 Unit(s) of Progress Exam (No Charge).

Email with Tera Johnson
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Below is a link to your documents from today's visit. You can view these documents by clicking on the link below. If you have any questions, please call us at 410-750-1177 or email us at staff@eceah.com.
Thank you,
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Click to view your appointment documents:

- **Appointment documents**

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Discharge Letter

Jun 18, 2026

Dear Tera Johnson,

It was a pleasure seeing you and Blake today. Here is some important information about your pet:

Blake was presented today for concerns related to an unrecognized pregnancy and possible labor difficulties. The owner reported that Blake had been repeatedly posturing at home and initially appeared to be attempting to urinate or defecate. Concern arose when a puppy paw was found on the floor, suggesting that labor may have begun. It was also reported that Blake had not eaten for the previous two days and had vomited once prior to presentation. Blake resides with three intact male dogs, and multiple potential sires were identified, including a Dogo Argentino, a French Bulldog, and another smaller bully breed.

Upon presentation, radiographs were recommended to determine the number of puppies present and evaluate for possible obstruction within the birth canal. Due to financial limitations, diagnostics could not be performed. Applications for CareCredit and Scratchpay were attempted but were not approved.

Physical examination revealed that Blake had a fever and palpable fetuses positioned high within the pelvic canal. There was no evidence of imminent delivery despite the presence of fetuses. The size disparity between the possible sires and Blake raised additional concerns regarding fetal size and the potential for obstructive dystocia.

The primary medical concerns discussed included dystocia (difficulty giving birth), uterine rupture, and development of severe infection (sepsis). It was explained that Blake's condition was critical and that surgical intervention (cesarean section) was the recommended treatment. Without prompt intervention, there is a significant risk of continued suffering, deterioration, and death of both Blake and the puppies.

Financial constraints prevented immediate surgical treatment. Alternative options were discussed, including seeking care through a low-cost veterinary facility as soon as possible, surrendering Blake to a shelter, or surrendering Blake to the hospital, where a staff member had expressed willingness to provide the necessary medical care. You declined these options and elected to take Blake home despite understanding the seriousness of the condition.

You were advised that taking Blake home was against medical advice and that Blake may continue to suffer, worsen, and potentially die without appropriate treatment. The owner acknowledged understanding these risks and elected to proceed with discharge.

As supportive care, Blake received subcutaneous fluids, pain medication, and anti-nausea medication at no charge. The potential for pain medication to adversely affect the fetuses was discussed with the owner prior to administration.

Treatments Administered:

- Plasmalyte 500 mL subcutaneously
- Methadone (10 mg/mL) 0.58 mL subcutaneously
- Cerenia (10 mg/mL) 2.0 mL subcutaneously

Home Care and Recommendations:

- Seek emergency veterinary evaluation and surgical intervention immediately if possible.
- If unable to pursue emergency care, contact low-cost veterinary clinics as soon as they open.
- Monitor closely for worsening lethargy, weakness, collapse, pale gums, continued vomiting, foul-smelling vaginal discharge, severe abdominal pain, in ability to walk.

Prognosis:
Guarded to poor without surgical intervention. The risks of maternal suffering, uterine rupture, severe infection, fetal death, and death of the mother were discussed in detail with the owner.

Special Instructions:

Blake may be discharged from the hospital with a pressure bandage around a front or hind limb from a blood draw or from an IV catheter

placement. If a pressure bandage is in place, please remove the bandage within 1 hour of discharge from the hospital.

Seek immediate veterinary care if any of the following clinical signs are noted: if your pet is becoming hyperactive or agitated, lethargic, starts vomiting, has pale or blue mucous membranes (gum color), is acting painful, has labored breathing, develops diarrhea, especially if there is blood in the vomit or diarrhea.

We thank you for entrusting us with the care of Blake. The care that we provided Blake was only on an emergency basis, and does not replace the care of your regular veterinarian. Blake may be discharged from the hospital before all conditions are evaluated or fully treated. Please make sure to pursue follow up care as indicated, or if you note any of the symptoms listed above. The Emergency Animal Hospital is open 24/7, 365 days a year, please do not hesitate to call with any questions or concerns or you can email us at **staff@eceah.com**.

Regards,

Lisa McKnight, DVM

I have read and understand the discharge information for my pet.

Signature:_____

Discharge Nurse:

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Low cost surgery referrals

1. Shore Pet Surgery: 125 Pullman Crossing Rd # 101, Grasonville, MD 21638, (410) 827-6464, https://www.shorepetsurgery.com/

2. Heart4Animals: Mobile clinic, (410) 927-8900, https://heart4animals.org/

3. Spay Now Animal Surgery Clinic: 8335 Guilford Rd suite a, Columbia, MD 21046, (301) 483-7080, spaynow.com,

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Pain Med Consent: (Y) / N

Photo Consent: (Y) / N

Client:	Tera Johnson
Address:	4376 Parkton St, Baltimore, MD 21229-4519
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Mobile:	
Email:	teejae723@gmail.com
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Breed:	American Bully Pocket (canine)
Color:	brown merle
Sex:	Female (intact)
Weight:	19.6 kg (43 lbs 3.4 oz)
Age:	1year5months (Jan 17, 2025 est.)

Date/Time: 6/18/26 12:10a

CPR / DNR

T: 104.7 WT: 19.6 kg PS: 1-2

P: ~~104.7~~ 140 MM: pink RE:

R: 36 CRT: Attitude: QAA

History/Notes:

~~VT~~ ↓EAT. 3 INTACT MALES (S.I.L IS BREEDER)
AROUND 9pm YEST + TODAY, DRINKING ↑
VT ONCE THIS EVENING

Outpatient/Diagnostic Plan:

Treatment/Diagnostic	Time/Initial	Treatment/Diagnostic	Time/Initial
P-lyte 500mls SQ			
Methadone (10mg/ml) 0.5ml IM/IV			
Cerenia (10mg/ml) 2mls SQ			

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Inpatient Plan:

Additional Notes:

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