



**PATIENT**

Rizzo Hagelberger

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Mixed

**SEX**

Female Spayed

**AGE**

10

**WEIGHT**

50 lbs

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: Cushing's - pituitary vs. adrenal. Drinking a lot of water.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: low Dex positive, cortisol resting 6.9 4 hrs 6.6 8hrs 5.6

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**Urinary System**

The urinary bladder mildly distended with anechoic urine. The wall in the region of the apex is moderately thickened (up to 0.79 cm) and slightly irregular. The wall tapers to a normal thickness as it extends towards the cystourethral junction. No cystic calculi are observed. The region of the trigone and the proximal urethra, visible to a depth of 2 cm, are normal.

The left kidney is normal in size (5.78 cm in length) with a normal shape, architecture and smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with normal corticomodullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

The right kidney is normal in size (5.71 cm in length) with a normal shape, architecture and smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with normal corticomodullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

**Adrenal Glands**

The left adrenal gland is mildly enlarged (0.80 cm at cranial pole) (0.78 cm at caudal pole) with a normal shape. Glandular echogenicity and detail are normal. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

The right adrenal gland is mildly enlarged (0.98 cm at cranial pole) (0.80 cm at caudal pole) with a normal shape. Glandular echogenicity and detail are normal. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

**Spleen**

The spleen is normal in size (2.08 cm in width at the level of the hilus) with a normal capsular contour. There is appropriate echogenicity and echotexture. No focal lesions are observed. Splenic vasculature is normal.

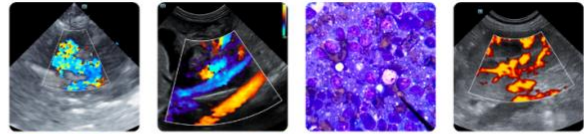
**Liver**

The liver is subjectively enlarged, with swollen peripheral contours. The parenchyma is isoechoic relative to the spleen, with several, small, ill-defined hypoechoic nodules/areas. Hepatic vasculature and intrahepatic biliary tracts are of normal volume with no evidence of congestion.

The gallbladder is of normal contours and contains some dependent echogenic debris. The wall is normal in thickness. No choleliths are observed. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not seen.

**Gastrointestinal**

The gastric lumen is mildly fluid-distended. The gastric wall and pylorus are normal in thickness with a normal layering pattern. The pyloric outflow tract is patent. The small intestinal lumen is not dilated. The small intestinal wall is normal in thickness with a normal layering pattern and appropriate mural detail. Discreet masses are not identified. The colonic wall is normal. There is no evidence of an obstructive pattern.



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**Pancreas**

The pancreas is normal in size with normal peripheral contours. The pancreatic duct is normal. The base and limbs of the pancreas are isoechoic to surrounding omental fat. No focal lesions are observed. There is no evidence of peripancreatic inflammation or effusion.

**Lymph Nodes**

The abdominal lymph nodes are normal/not visible.

**Free Abdomen**

The peritoneal cavity is normal. There is no evidence of inflammation or effusion.

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

**Primary Findings**

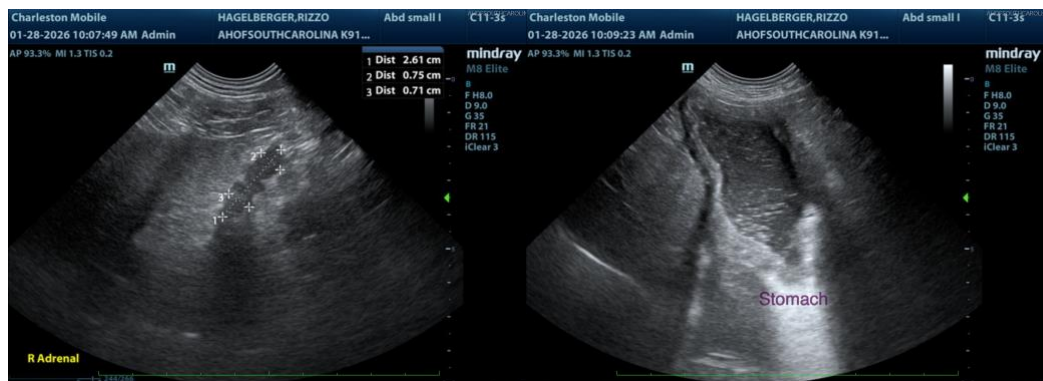
- Mild bilateral adrenomegaly
- The hepatic changes are nonspecific and could be secondary to inflammatory disease (i.e., cholangiohepatitis, chronic hepatitis), hepatotoxicosis, infiltrative neoplasia (i.e., lymphoma), vacuolar hepatopathy, regenerative nodular hyperplasia, other hepatopathy, or some combination thereof. Correlation with the patient's liver values is recommended.
- Gallbladder debris, non-mucocele

**Secondary Findings**

- Mild bilateral nonspecific age-related renal changes
- The urinary bladder wall changes could be consistent with cystitis or may be artifactual due to lack of full repletion. Correlation with the patient's clinical history and urinalysis findings is recommended.

**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

If the patient's full clinical picture (including chemistry panel results) is consistent with Cushing's disease, initiation of medical therapy can be considered. Also consider a baseline blood pressure measurement to assess for systemic hypertension.





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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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