

**DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

10/25/2021

History: Elevated ALKP; monitoring liver mass.

PATIENT

Elby Williams

Current Medications: Dasuquin daily, Wellactin daily.

Lab Results: Not provided by the veterinarian.

Radiographs: Not provided by the veterinarian.

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: 6-14-21, 3-4-21.

Sedation: Sedation not required for scan.

Stat Report: STAT report not requested by the veterinarian.

SPECIES

Canine

BREEDWest Highland White
terrier**SEX**

Male, neutered

AGE

4/1/2012

WEIGHT

18 lbs.

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REFERRING VET

Dr. Williams

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**Urinary System**

The urinary bladder, trigone, and pelvic urethra are normal in thickness and the mucosal surface is smooth.

The bladder lumen is moderately distended with mostly anechoic urine. No masses, inflammatory changes or calculi are observed. Ureteral papillae and visualized portion of the proximal urethra, visible to a depth of 2 cm, are normal.

The prostate is not definitively visualized due to its pelvic location.

The left kidney is normal in size (4.43 cm in length) with a normal shape, smooth peripheral margins and normal internal architecture. There is moderate loss of corticomedullary distinction. Several hyperechoic shadowing diverticular foci are observed within the cortex. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, infarcts or hydronephrosis.

The right kidney is normal size (4.55 cm in length) with a normal shape, smooth peripheral margins and normal internal architecture. There is moderate loss of corticomedullary distinction. Several hyperechoic shadowing diverticular foci are observed within the cortex. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, infarcts or hydronephrosis.

Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is normal in length (0.32 cm at cranial pole) (0.34 cm at caudal pole) (1.70 cm in length) with a flattened contour. The glandular echogenicity and detail are unremarkable. Capsule, cortex, and medullary definition are normal. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

The right adrenal gland is normal in length (0.36 cm at cranial pole) (0.37 cm at caudal pole) (1.75 cm in length) with a flattened contour. The glandular echogenicity and detail are unremarkable. Capsule, cortex, and medullary definition are normal. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

Spleen

The spleen is normal in size (1.49 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 prominent in size with swollen curvilinear peripheral contours. A 2.00 x 1.67 cm hypoechoic nodule/area is observed adjacent to the diaphragm. In addition, a 1.09 x 0.59 cm cyst is observed mid to right liver. Hyperechoic nodules/areas are also seen. The remaining parenchyma is slightly heterogeneous in appearance. Vascular and biliary tracts are of normal volume with no evidence of congestion. The gall bladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall is thin and smooth. A moderate amount of aggregated echogenic partially dependent sludge is observed within the lumen. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not seen.

Gastrointestinal

The stomach and intestine are free of stasis and exhibit normal peristaltic activity. The gastric lumen is not 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 thickness is normal with a normal layering pattern and appropriate mural detail. Discreet masses are not identified. The colonic wall is normal. No obstructive disease is noted.

Pancreas

The region of the pancreas is isoechoic relative to surrounding omental fat. No obvious parenchymal abnormalities are observed. There is no evidence of regional inflammation or effusion.

Free Abdomen

The peritoneal cavity is normal. There is no evidence of inflammation or effusion. The abdominal lymph nodes are normal/not visible.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

Primary Findings:

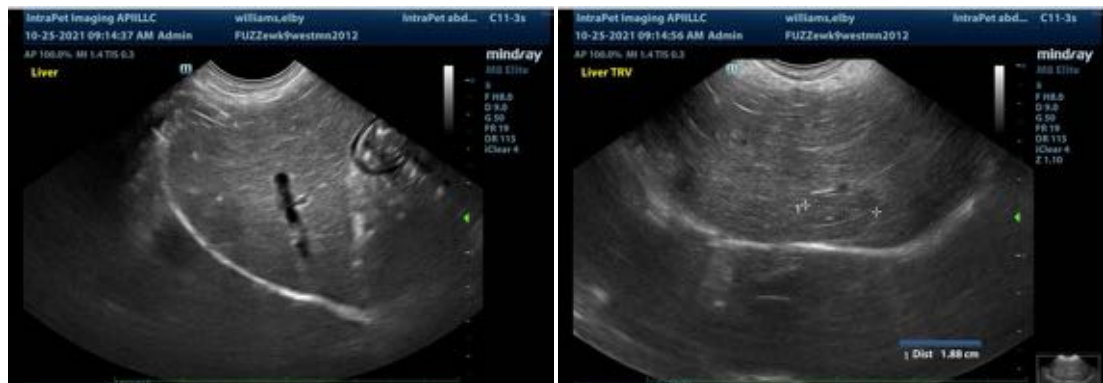
- The diffuse hepatic changes are non-specific and could be consistent with vacuolar hepatopathy, regenerative nodular hyperplasia, and/or age-related remodeling. Inflammatory and infiltrative disease are considered less likely. The observed nodules are similar to the previous sonogram.
- Gallbladder sludge, non-mucocele.

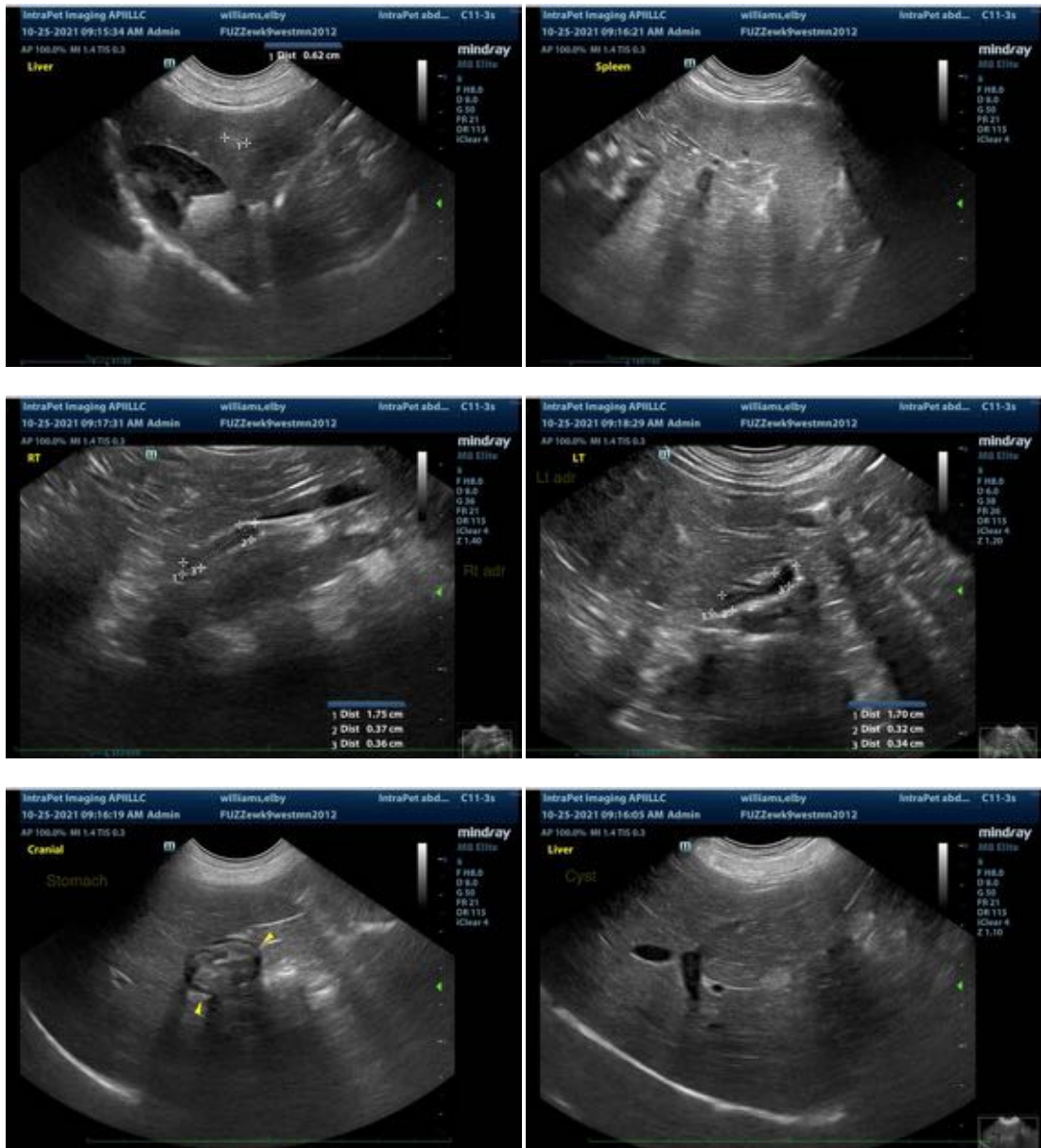
Secondary Findings:

- The flattened (left/right) adrenal gland may be a normal variant or could be consistent with early atrophy (i.e., secondary to hypoadrenocorticism)
- Bilateral age-related renal changes with dystrophic mineralization.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Continued monitoring (i.e., every 3-4 months) of the patient's liver values is recommended. If patient's liver values continue to increase, consider repeat abdominal ultrasound +/- hepatic tissue sampling





The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. 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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