



PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

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SPECIES Canine
History: Patient had bloodwork in November which showed a proteinuria (UPC 1), low USG (1.008), and mixed hepatopathy (AST 63, ALP 335 - Previously 39 and 242 respectively). Repeated a urinalysis in early December which showed a worsening proteinuria (1.3) but improved USG. Attempted to get blood pressures but machines were not working. UCCR was normal at 29.

BREED WHW Terrier
Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: AG: 11-18-25 at 6:39p: cbc: nsf chem: elevated AST 63, elevated ALP 335 (previously 242), elevated creatinine kinase 912 (previously 214 - suspect hemolysis), mild hypochloremia (106), mild hyperproteinemia (7.6) UA: USG 1.008, pH 8, 1+ protein UPC 1 T4 2.6 Repeated UA: SG 1.021, 2+ protein, UPC 1.3, otherwise unremarkable

SEX ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Female Spayed
AGE 9
URINARY SYSTEM
The urinary bladder wall is normal in thickness. The mucosal surface is slightly irregular. The bladder is mildly distended. Luminal contents are anechoic. No cystic calculi are observed. The region of the trigone is normal.

WEIGHT 22.5
The left kidney is normal in size (4.54 cm in length) with a normal shape, architecture and smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with moderate loss of corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter.

The right kidney is normal in size (4.65 cm in length) with a normal shape, architecture and smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with moderate loss of corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter.

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ADRENAL GLANDS
The left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.41 cm at cranial pole) (0.44 cm at caudal pole) with a normal shape and homogenous parenchyma. 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 size (0.43 cm at cranial pole) (0.48 cm at caudal pole) with a normal shape and homogenous parenchyma. The glandular echogenicity and detail are unremarkable. Capsule, cortex, and medullary definition are normal. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

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Spleen
The spleen is normal in size (1.24 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 normal-in-size, with normal peripheral contours. The parenchyma is isoechoic relative to the spleen and exhibits mild heterogeneity. No distinct focal lesions are observed. Hepatic vasculature and biliary tracts are of normal volume with no evidence of congestion. The portal vein to caudal vena cava ratio is approximately 1: 1.

The gallbladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall is thin and smooth. Luminal contents are mostly anechoic. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not seen.



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Gastrointestinal

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 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.

Pancreas

The body left limb of the pancreas is visible with normal curvilinear peripheral contours. The parenchyma is lastly hypochoic relative to surrounding omental fat and slightly mottled in appearance. The pancreatic duct is visible but not overtly dilated. There is no evidence of peripancreatic inflammation or effusion.

Lymph Nodes

A 1.96 x 0.66 cm, slightly cystic periportal lymph node is visualized.

Free Abdomen

There is no obvious evidence of free fluid.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

Primary Findings

- The diffuse hepatic changes are nonspecific and could be consistent with vacuolar hepatopathy, regenerative nodular hyperplasia, and/or age-related remodeling. Inflammatory disease, infiltrative neoplasia and other hepatopathies are considered less likely.
- Bilateral nonspecific age-related renal changes

Secondary Findings

- The pancreatic changes are most consistent with age-related parenchymal remodeling, potentially secondary to a prior inflammatory episode, early fibrosis or chronic pancreatitis.
- The prominent periportal lymph node is likely reactive, with a lower possibility of emerging neoplasia.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Serial monitoring (i.e., every 3-4 months) of the patient's liver values is recommended. If values continue to increase, a repeat abdomen ultrasound +/- a more advanced hepatic work-up (i.e., tissue sampling) may be warranted.
- Regarding the proteinuria, consider the following:
 1. Search for an underlying cause (i.e., infectious/inflammatory, immune-mediated, or neoplastic disease)
 2. Initiation of an angiotensin receptor blocker (i.e., telmisartan)
 3. Prescription renal diet ((if the patient will tolerate it)
 4. Omega 3 fatty acids supplementation for their renoprotective effects
 5. Serial monitoring of the patient's renal values, UPC, blood pressure, and serum albumin to assess progression of disease



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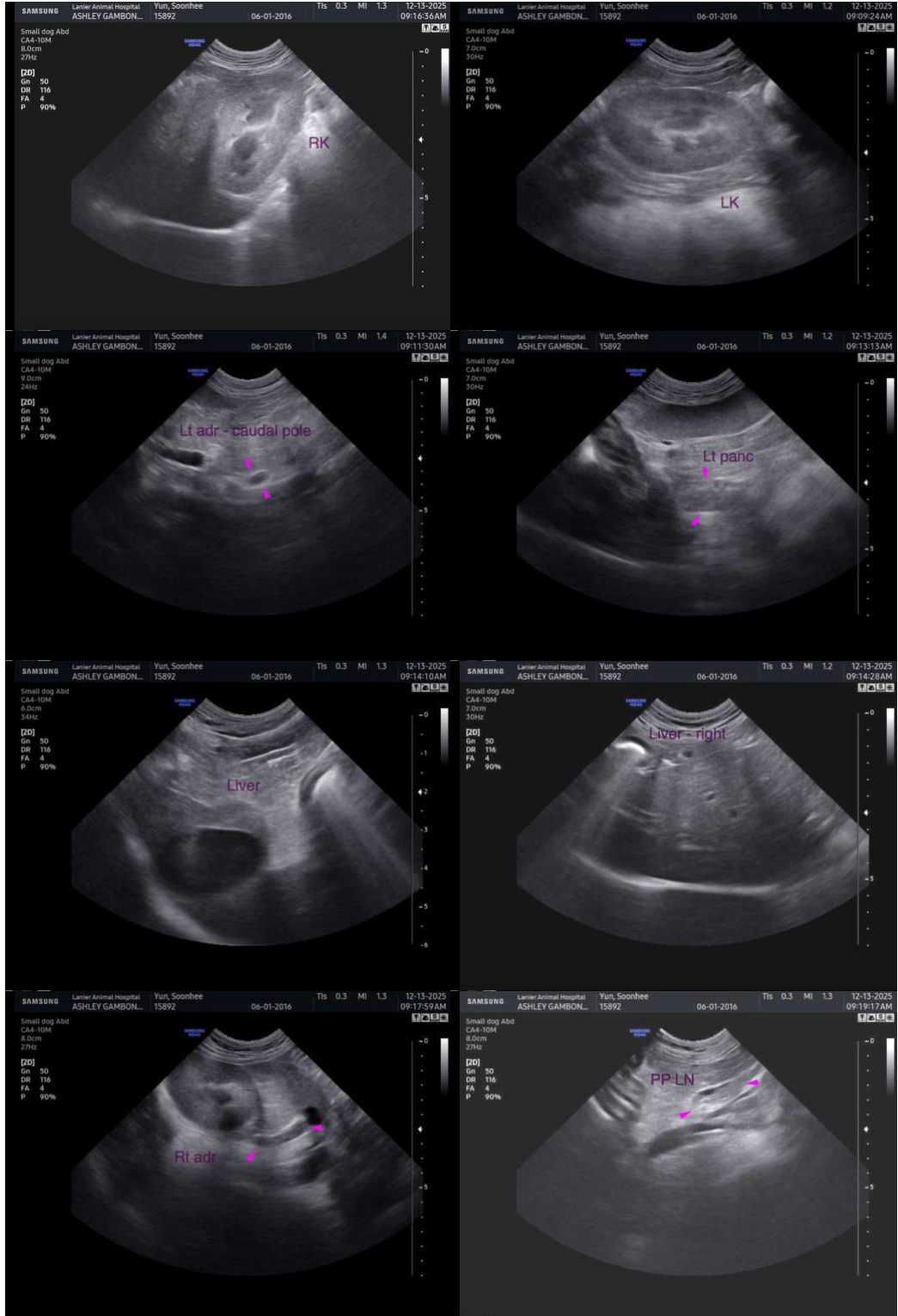
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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