

**DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

12.27.22 History: Seizures.

**PATIENT**

Monte Funari

Current Medications: Keppra 500mg SID.  
 Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.  
 Sedation: Torbugesic/Midazolam IV.  
 Stat Report: Not requested.  
 Imaging Performed By:  
 Stephanie Warga RDCS, RVT.

**SPECIES**

Canine

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN****BREED**

Boston Terrier

**Urinary System**

The urinary bladder and visible portion of the pelvic urethra are normal for the degree of luminal distension. The urine is anechoic with no evidence of debris. Cystic calculi and discrete masses are not observed. The region of the trigone and the visible portion of the proximal urethra are normal.

**SEX**

Neutered Male

The prostate is normal in size (0.89 cm in width) and shape. Parenchyma is homogenous. The prostatic urethra appears normal without evidence of dilation or obstruction.

**AGE**

11/29/2016

The left kidney is normal size (5.35 cm in length) with a normal shape, architecture and smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with normal corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

**WEIGHT**

29 lbs

The right kidney is normal size (4.61 cm in length) with a normal shape, architecture and smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with normal corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

**Adrenal Glands**

The left adrenal gland is normal size (0.53 cm at cranial pole) (0.51 cm at caudal pole) (2.06 cm in length) 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 size (0.60 cm at cranial pole) (0.51 cm at caudal pole) (2.01 cm in length) 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.

**INTERPRETED BY**

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**HOSPITAL NAME**

Banfield White Marsh

**REFERRING VET**

Dr. Gutwillig

**Spleen**

The spleen is subjectively normal in size (1.07 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.

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**Liver**

The liver is normal to slightly small in size with normal curvilinear peripheral contours. The parenchyma is hypoechoic relative to the spleen and homogenous in appearance. No focal lesions are observed. Hepatic vasculature and intrahepatic biliary tracts are of normal volume with no evidence of congestion. The portal vein to caudal vena cava ratio is approximately 1: 1.

The gall bladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall is thin and smooth. A small amount of mostly gravity dependent, echogenic debris 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 ileocecolic junction and colonic wall are normal. There is no evidence of an obstructive pattern.

### ***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**

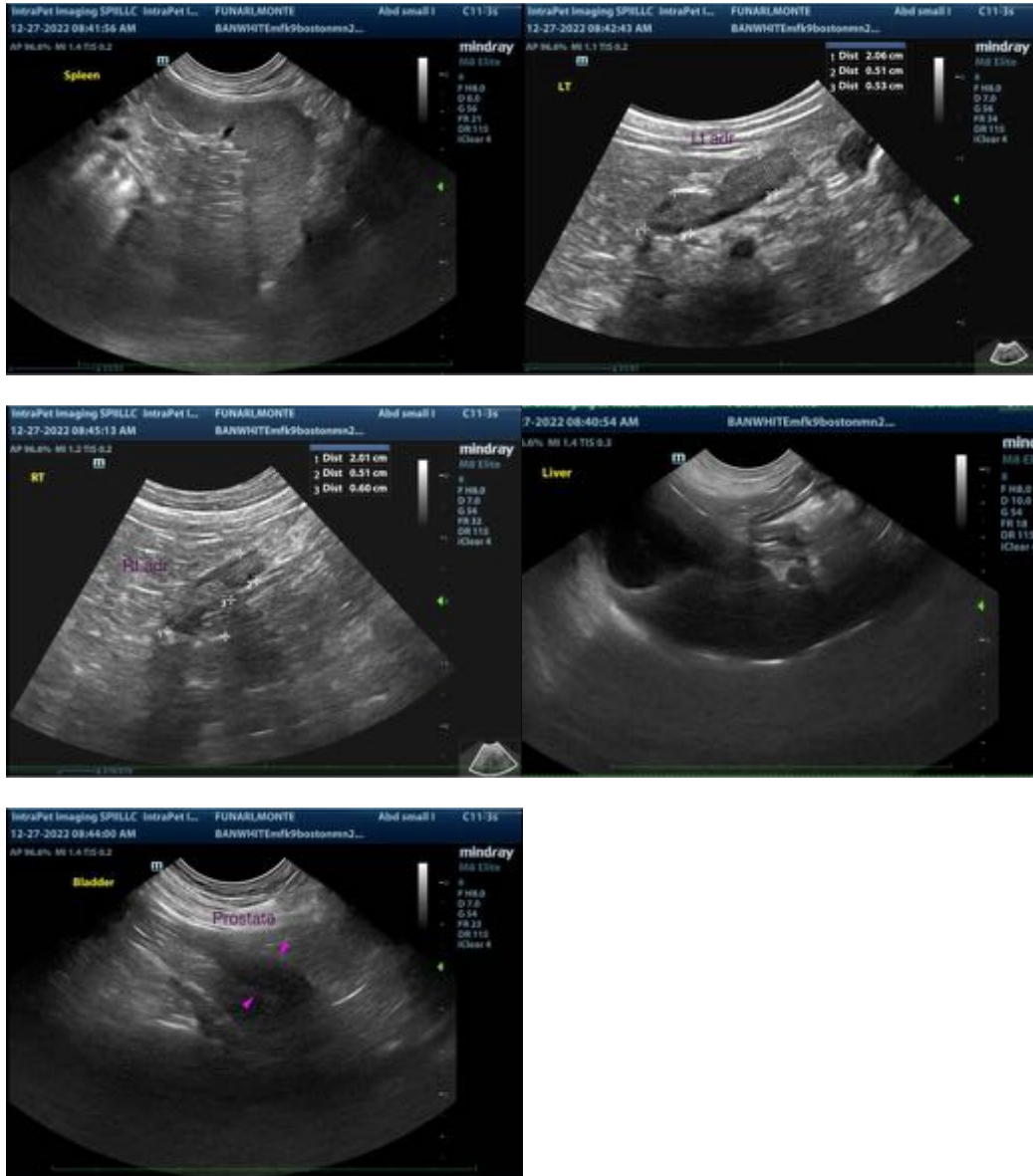
- Questionable microhepatica

\*An obvious cause for the patient's seizures is not definitively identified in this study.

Considerations include primary neurologic disease (i.e., epilepsy, other), underlying metabolic issue, toxicity, other.

## **INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Baseline lab-work including a CBC, chemistry panel, urinalysis and T4 is recommended, if not already performed.
- A neurologic examination is recommended to assess for subtle deficits.
- Consider pre-and postprandial serum bile acids to assess for occult hepatic dysfunction.
- Also consider a baseline blood pressure to evaluate for systemic hypertension.
- Depending on the results of the above diagnostics, consultation with a board-certified neurologist may be warranted for further evaluation (MRI, CSF tap).



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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