



**PATIENT**

Ena Weldon

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: P was presented for vaccines. We recommended a senior profile and Owner approved. Liver enzymes were elevated on the results.

**SPECIES**

Canine

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Chem/ Alk Phosphatase=313, ALT=459, PrecisionPSL=300, AST=43

**BREED**

Dachshund

**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 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.

**SEX**

Female spayed

The left kidney presented normal size (3.58 cm in length); normal shape and architecture with 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.

**AGE**

12 Years

The right kidney presented normal size (3.75 cm in length); normal shape and architecture with 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.

**WEIGHT**

10.6 lbs

**Adrenal Glands**

The left adrenal gland is mildly enlarged size (0.43 cm at cranial pole) (0.61 cm at caudal pole) (1.75 cm in length); normal shape; 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**

Andrea Nicastro, DMV,  
Diplomate DACVIM  
(Small Animal  
Internal Medicine)

The right adrenal gland is upper limits of normal size (0.63 cm at cranial pole) (0.53 cm at caudal pole) (2.34 cm in length); normal shape; homogenous parenchyma. The glandular echogenicity and detail are unremarkable. Capsule, cortex, and medullary definition are normal. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

**IMAGING PERFORMED BY**

Dr. Logas

**Spleen**

The spleen is normal in size (0.92 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.

**HOSPITAL NAME**

Bradentown  
Veterinary Hospital

**Liver**

The liver is subjectively prominent to enlarged with swollen peripheral contours. The parenchyma is isoechoic relative to the spleen and subtly heterogenous in appearance. No distinct focal lesions are observed. Hepatic vasculature and intrahepatic biliary tracts are of normal volume with no evidence of congestion.

**REFERRING VET**

Dr. Logas

The gall bladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall is thin and smooth. A moderate amount of aggregated echogenic, mostly gravity-dependent debris/sludge is observed within the lumen. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal.

**INVOICE**

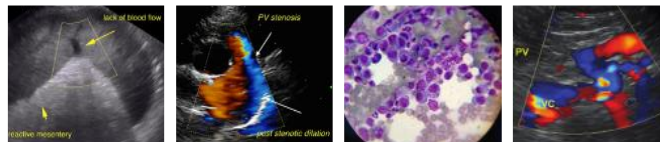
10098

**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 small intestinal lumen is not dilated. The small intestinal wall thickness is normal with a

**DATE**

12/30/21



**PATIENT**

normal layering pattern and appropriate mural detail. Discreet masses are not identified. The colonic wall is normal. No obstructive or overt infiltrative disease is noted.

Ena Weldon

**SPECIES**

**Pancreas**

The right limb is prominent in size with minimal deviation from the normal peripheral contours. The parenchyma is slightly hyperechoic relative to surrounding omental fat and subtly mottled in appearance. No distinct focal lesions are observed. The pancreatic duct is visible but not overtly dilated. There is no evidence of peripancreatic inflammation or effusion.

Canine

**BREED**

**Free Abdomen**

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

Dachshund

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

**SEX**

**Primary Findings**

Female spayed

- Non-specific diffuse hepatopathy. Differentials include inflammatory/immune-mediated disease, hepatotoxicosis (i.e., copper), infiltrative neoplasia (less likely), other hepatopathy +/- concurrent age-related changes (i.e., vacuolar hepatopathy or regenerative nodular hyperplasia).

**AGE**

12 Years

**WEIGHT**

**Secondary Findings**

10.6 lbs

- Borderline bilateral adrenomegaly
- Gall bladder debris/sludge, non-mucocele
- The pancreatic changes are most consistent with age-related parenchymal remodeling, potentially secondary to a prior inflammatory episode, early fibrosis or chronic pancreatitis.

**INTERPRETED BY**

**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

Andrea Nicastro, DMV,  
Diplomate DACVIM  
(Small Animal  
Internal Medicine)

**IMAGING PERFORMED BY**

- Leptospirosis testing (i.e., blood-in-urine, PCR, serology) is recommended.
- Cytologic evaluation of the liver should be considered in this patient if clotting status is appropriate. A fine needle aspirate using a 25-gauge needle is recommended. If cytologic evaluation is inconclusive, consider a surgical liver biopsy with aerobic and anaerobic bile cultures and acquisition of additional hepatic tissue samples for copper quantitation.
- If a conservative approach is desired, consider empirical treatment for bacterial cholangiohepatitis (amoxicillin-clavulanic acid, Denamarin Advanced). If no improvement in the liver values is seen within 7-10 days of initiating therapy, antibiotics should be discontinued, and hepatic tissue sampling reconsidered. If liver values improve, continue therapy for at least 4-6 weeks and 1 week beyond normalization of the liver values.
- If the patient is to undergo anesthesia, three-view thoracic radiographs are recommended to assess cardiopulmonary status.

Dr. Logas

**HOSPITAL NAME**

Bradentown  
Veterinary Hospital

**REFERRING VET**

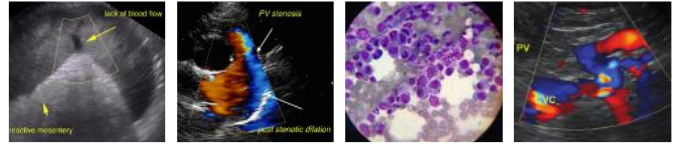
Dr. Logas

**INVOICE**

10098

**DATE**

12/30/21



**PATIENT**

Ena Weldon

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Dachshund

**SEX**

Female spayed

**AGE**

12 Years

**WEIGHT**

10.6 lbs

**INTERPRETED BY**

Andrea Nicastro, DMV,  
Diplomate DACVIM  
(Small Animal  
Internal Medicine)

**IMAGING PERFORMED BY**

Dr. Logas

**HOSPITAL NAME**

Bradentown  
Veterinary Hospital

**REFERRING VET**

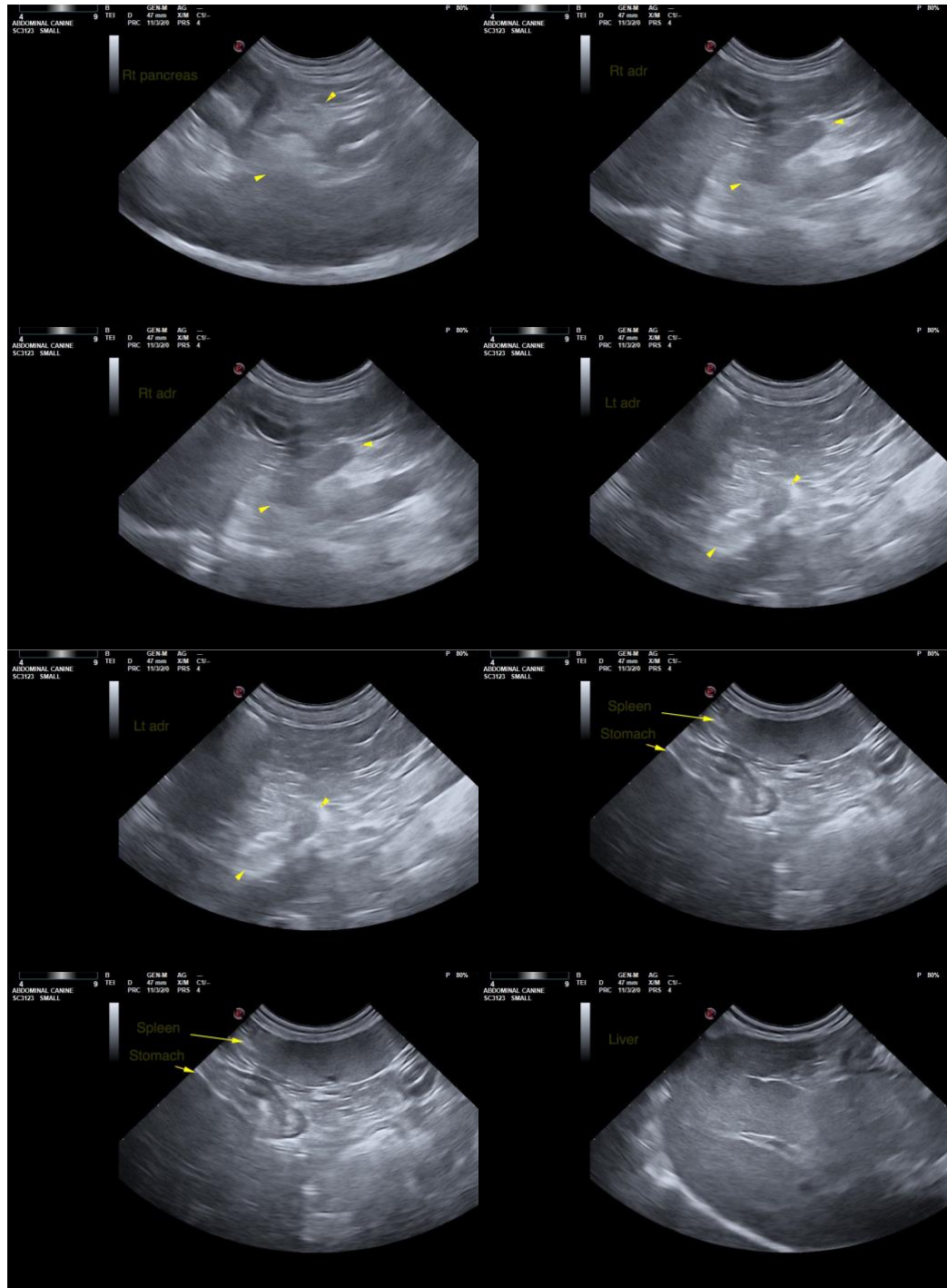
Dr. Logas

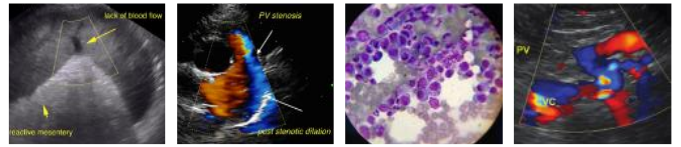
**INVOICE**

10098

**DATE**

12/30/21





**PATIENT**

Ena Weldon

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Dachshund

**SEX**

Female spayed

**AGE**

12 Years

**WEIGHT**

10.6 lbs

**INTERPRETED BY**

Andrea Nicastro, DMV,  
Diplomate DACVIM  
(Small Animal  
Internal Medicine)

**IMAGING PERFORMED BY**

Dr. Logas

**HOSPITAL NAME**

Bradentown  
Veterinary Hospital

**REFERRING VET**

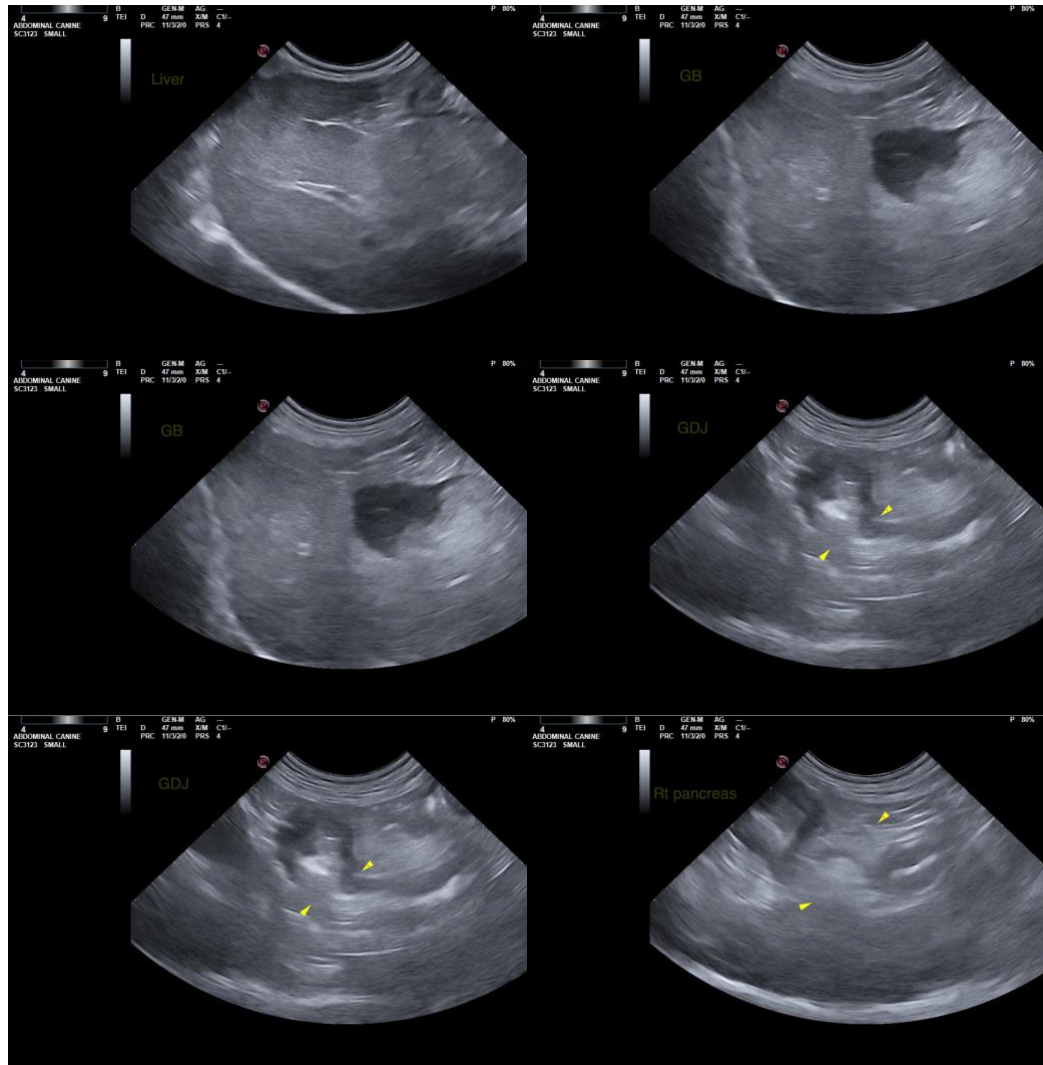
Dr. Logas

**INVOICE**

10098

**DATE**

12/30/21



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.

**Andrea Nicastro, DVM, Diplomate DACVIM (Small Animal Internal Medicine)**  
info@SonoPath.com