



## PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

- Norm Kelly
- 2022-R FL amputation w/ bx: Poorly differentiated sarcoma with right axillary lymph node metastasis. Has had regular thoracic rads annual to biannually since.
- SPECIES**
- In 2024, tumor has regrown in that area and has gotten bigger with time.
  - O noting increase hyporexia issues and weight loss. No vomiting/diarrhea issues nor change in panting.
- Canine
- Reason for Ultrasound: evaluate for abdominal neoplasia and/or metastatic disease.

## BREED

German Shepherd

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: BW done 10/2025: Glob 4.4g/dL, MCH 22.0L, MCHC 31.9L, ReticHgb 23.4L. On recent rads, mild mass effect cranial abdomen noted, with concerns for liver rounding/mass pushing gastric axis caudally. Thoracic rads seem similar compared to previous years; no obvious metastasis noted.

## SEX

Neutered Male

## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

### Urinary System

The urinary bladder is mildly distended with anechoic urine. The wall is of appropriate thickness for the level of repletion. The mucosal surface is slightly irregular. No cystic calculi are observed. The region of the trigone and the proximal urethra, visible to a depth of 2 cm, are normal.

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## WEIGHT

64.5 lbs

The prostate is normal in size (1.02 cm in width) and shape. Parenchyma is homogenous. The prostatic urethra appears normal without evidence of dilation or obstruction.

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The left kidney is normal in size (7.04 cm in length) with a normal shape, architecture and smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with minimal loss of corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

The right kidney is normal in size (7.42 cm in length) with a normal shape, architecture and smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with minimal loss of corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

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### Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.54 cm at cranial pole) (0.67 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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The right adrenal gland is normal in size (1.87 cm at cranial pole) (1.80 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 (1.72 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.

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### Liver

The liver is subjectively normal in size with normal curvilinear peripheral contours. The parenchyma is hypoechoic relative to the spleen with minor changes consistent with age-related remodeling. No focal lesions are observed. Hepatic vasculature and biliary tracts are of normal volume with no evidence of congestion.

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The gallbladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall is thin and smooth. A small-to-moderate amount of gravity-dependent, echogenic-to-mineralized debris/sand is observed within the lumen. Some adhered debris is also observed. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not seen.

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**Gastrointestinal**

The gastric lumen is not distended. The gastric wall is normal in thickness with a normal layering pattern. 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 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.

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**Lymph Nodes**

The abdominal lymph nodes are normal/not visible.

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**Free Abdomen**

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

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**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

- Minor geriatric hepatic parenchymal changes
- Gallbladder debris/sand, non-mucocele

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\*\*An obvious abdominal mass is not identified in the available images.

**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

Given the patient's clinical signs, consider the following:

1. Orthopedic and neurologic examinations
2. Fecal evaluation for ova and Giardia
3. GI panel including serum cobalamin and folate, TLI, PLI and resting cortisol level
4. Depending on the results of the above diagnostics, further work-up may be indicated. In the meantime, symptomatic care is recommended.

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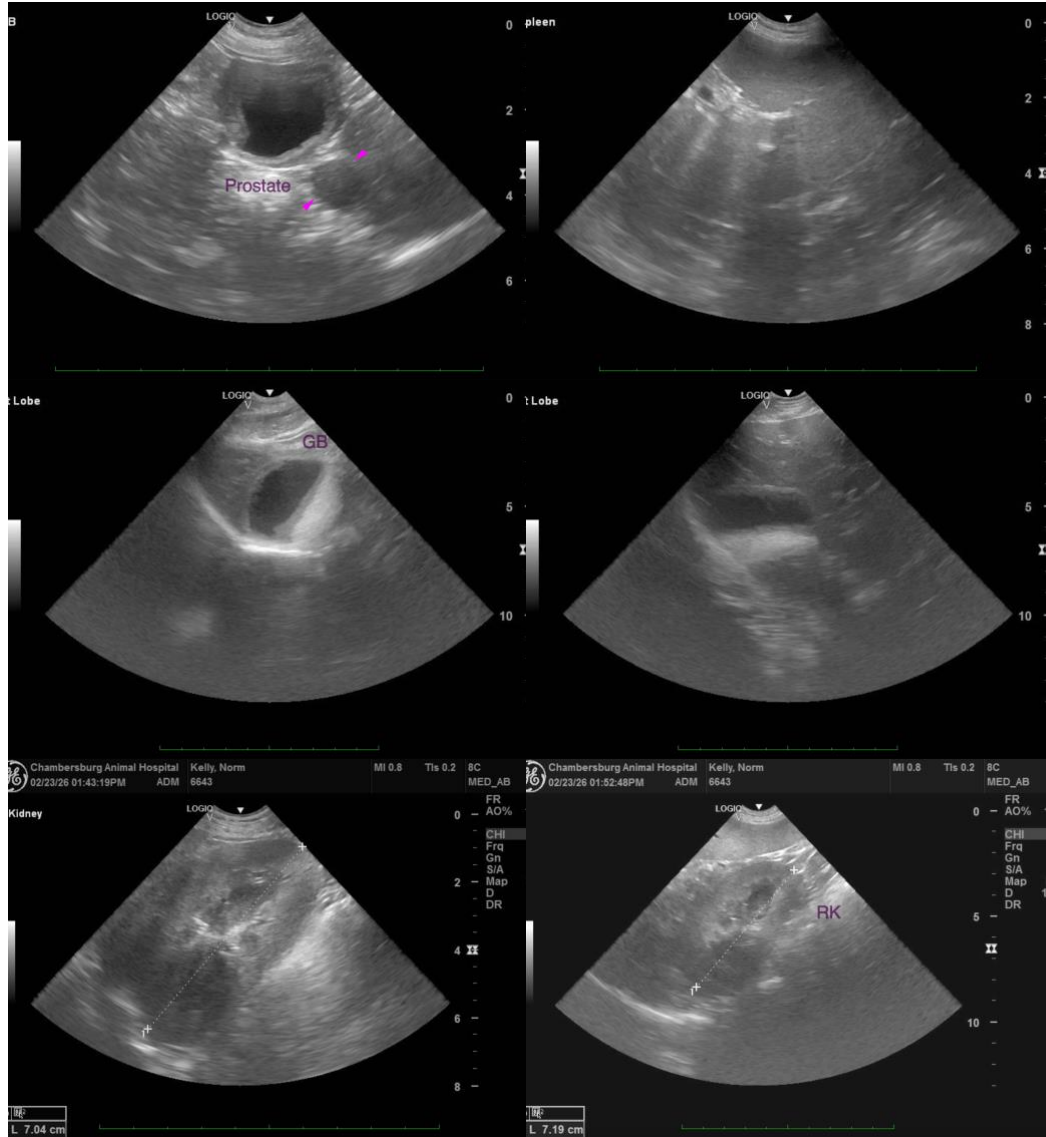
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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