



PATIENT

Charlie Lawson

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Dachshund mix

SEX

Male Neutered

AGE

12/02/07

WEIGHT

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Clinical Exam Findings: Presented for seizure. H/o focal seizures since very young. H /o chronic pancreatitis
Bloodwork showed elevated ALT. Grade 2/6 murmur - No other significant findings on physical exam
Owner reports pet had an echo approximately 1 yr ago and no medications were recommended at that time.

Abnormal lab-work values: 2/24/26 Recheck ALT after ABIs = 254 - no significant change
2/7/26 ALT = 269

Current Medications: None
Radiographic Findings: None

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

The urinary bladder wall is normal in thickness. The mucosal surface is smooth. The bladder is moderately distended. Luminal contents are anechoic. No cystic calculi are observed. The region of the trigone and the proximal urethra, visible to a depth of 1.5-2.0 cm, are normal.

The prostate is normal in size (0.86 cm in width) and shape. Parenchyma is homogenous. The prostatic urethra appears normal without evidence of dilation or obstruction.

The left kidney is normal in size (3.73 cm in length) with a slightly irregular shape. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with mild to moderate loss of corticomedullary distinction. Moderate pyelectasia is present (0.38 cm in the longitudinal plane). There is no evidence of nephroliths or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

The right kidney is normal in size (3.88 cm in length) with a normal shape, architecture and smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with mild to moderate loss of corticomedullary distinction. Trace pyelectasia is present. There is no evidence of nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.39 cm at cranial pole) (0.50 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 (0.49 cm at cranial pole) (0.52 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.

Spleen

The spleen is normal in size (0.93 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 curvilinear peripheral contours. The parenchyma is hypoechoic relative to the spleen and slightly mottled in appearance. No distinct 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.



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The gallbladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall is thin and smooth. A small- to moderate amount of gravity-dependent hyperechoic debris is observed within the lumen. 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 ileoceocolic junction and colonic wall are 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

There is no obvious evidence of free fluid.

Other

A brief echocardiogram reveals no evidence of pericardial effusion or obvious right atrial/auricular mass.

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ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

Primary Findings

- The hepatic changes could be consistent with benign age-related parenchymal remodeling, reactive hepatopathy, inflammatory disease (i.e., chronic hepatitis, cholangiohepatitis), hepatotoxicosis (i.e., copper), fibrosis, and/or other hepatopathy.
- Gallbladder debris, non-mucocele

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Secondary Findings

- Bilateral nonspecific age-related renal changes with pyelectasia (more pronounced in the left kidney). The pyelectasia may be secondary to parenchymal remodeling, pyelonephritis, PU/PD (if applicable), or some combination thereof.

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

If an aggressive approach is desired, hepatic tissue sampling, preferably biopsies, can be considered (assuming normal clotting status). If pursued, aerobic and anaerobic bile cultures and hepatic copper quantitation should also be performed. However, given the patient's age and the history of a heart murmur, a more conservative approach may be desired. If so, consider serial monitoring (i.e., every 3-4 months) of the patient's liver values. If values increase, a repeat ultrasound +/- hepatic tissue sampling can be revisited. Consider initiation of a hepatic antioxidant in the interim.

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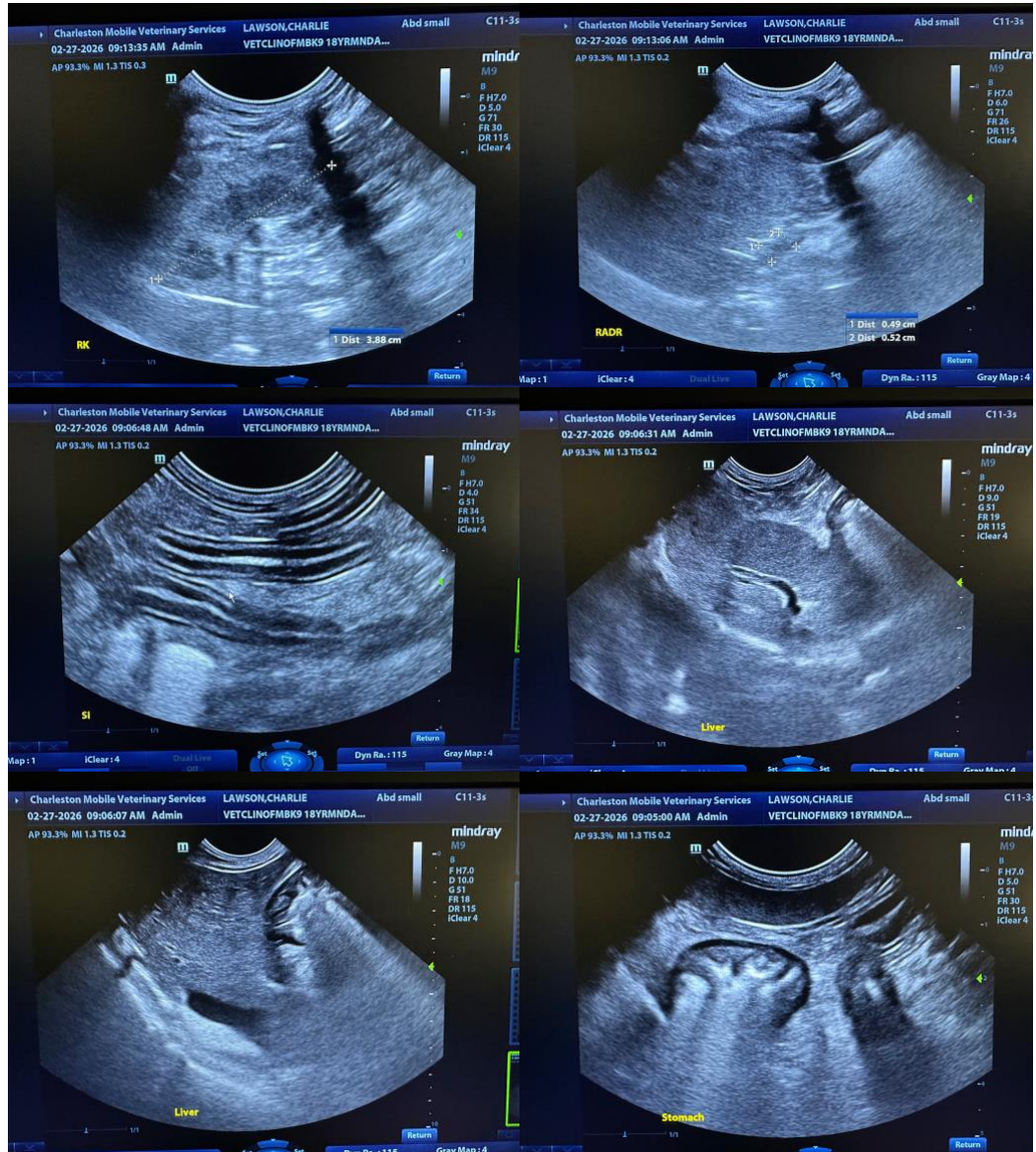
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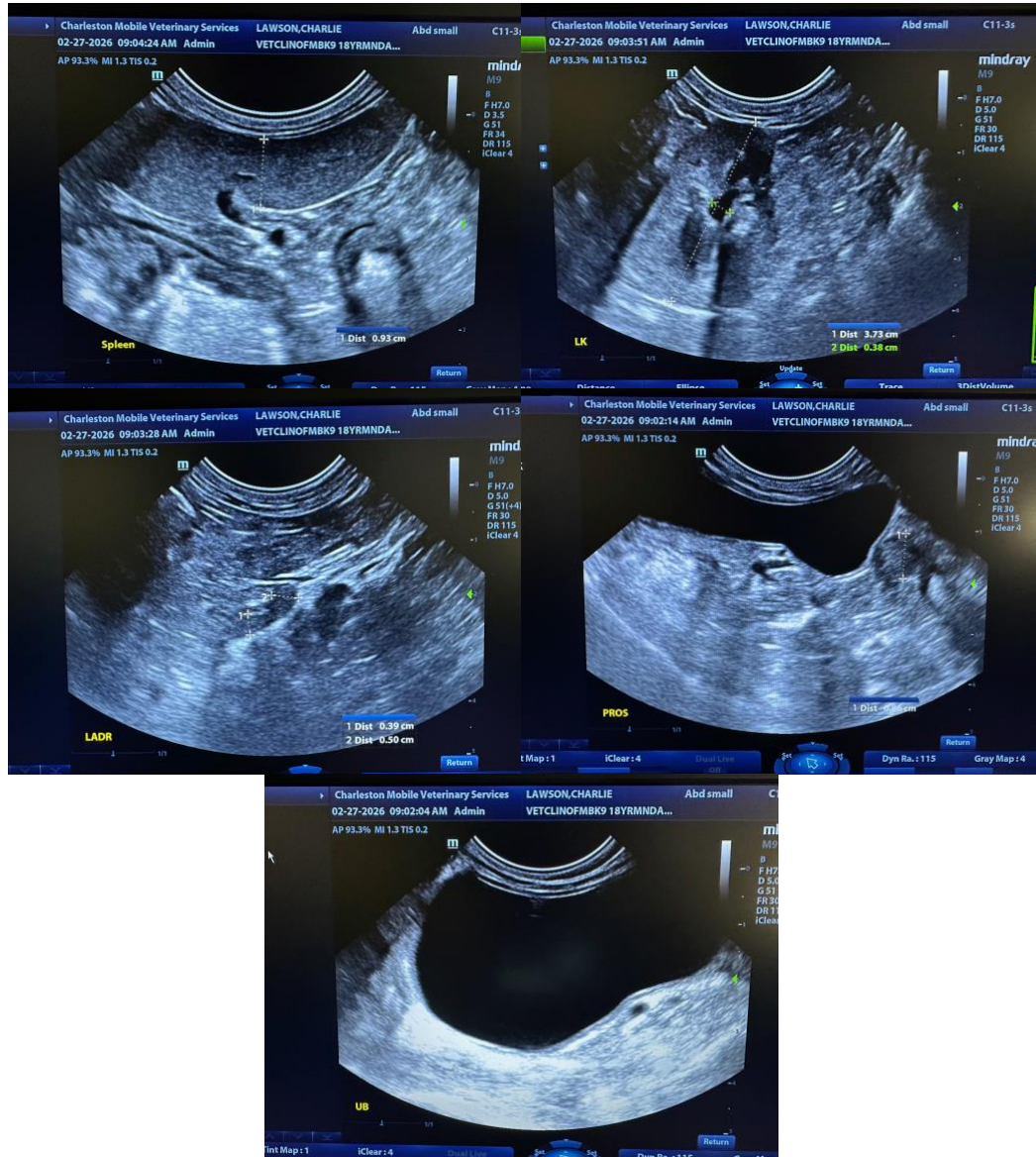
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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