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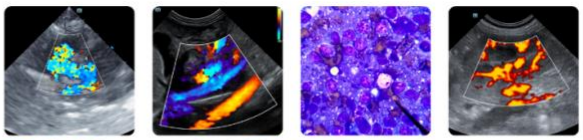

Clinical Sonography & Telecytology
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PATIENT

Bentley Buccieri

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Labradoodle

SEX

Male Neutered

AGE

05/23/2017

WEIGHT

38.8kg

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Clinical Exam Findings: Bentley presented 1 week ago for wellness exam and owner brought up a concern that he has been grunting when he lies down. No changes in activity nor difficulties standing from recumbency, but he repeatedly grunts when he lies down. Palpable hepatomegaly.
FAST scan completed to rule out splenic tumor and liver appeared heterogenous and subjectively enlarged.

Abnormal lab-work values:
- ALT 153 (from 122) in August 2025
- ALKP 198 (from 152) in August 2025

Current Medications: Apoquel

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 mostly anechoic. No cystic calculi are observed. The region of the trigone and the proximal urethra, visible to a depth of 2 cm, are normal.

The prostate is normal in size (0.99 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 (6.99 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 hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

The right kidney is normal in size (8.00 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 hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.51 cm at cranial pole) (0.61 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 (1.05 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.

Spleen

The spleen is normal in size (0.30 cm in width at the level of the hilus) with a normal capsular contour. Ther parenchyma is subtly mottled in appearance. A few, small, ill-defined myelolipomas are observed in the region of the hilus. Splenic vasculature is normal.

Liver

The liver is prominent-in-size with slightly swollen peripheral contours. There is appropriate echogenicity and echotexture. No overt structural evidence of inflammatory, infiltrative, or regenerative pathology is evident. Vascular and biliary tracts are of normal volume with no evidence of congestion.

The gallbladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall is thin and smooth. A moderate amount of

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gravity-dependent echogenic debris is observed within the lumen. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not seen.

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 ileocecocolic junction and colonic wall are normal. There is no evidence of an obstructive pattern.

Pancreas
The base and limbs of the pancreas are prominent-in-size, with normal curvilinear peripheral contours. The parenchyma is slightly hypoechoic 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
The abdominal lymph nodes are normal/not visible.

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.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

Primary Findings

- The pancreatic changes are suggestive of chronic pancreatitis with minor parenchymal remodeling.
- The hepatic changes are nonspecific and could be secondary to inflammatory disease (i.e., cholangiohepatitis, chronic hepatitis), Leptospirosis, hepatotoxicosis, infiltrative neoplasia (i.e., lymphoma), vacuolar hepatopathy, regenerative nodular hyperplasia, other hepatopathy, or some combination thereof.

Secondary Findings

- The splenic parenchymal changes are most consistent with a benign process such as lymphoid hyperplasia, extramedullary hematopoiesis, splenitis or antigenic stimulation with a lower possibility of infiltrative neoplasia (i.e., lymphoma, mast cell neoplasia).

*An obvious cause for the patient's clinical signs is not definitively identified in this study. Discomfort could be associated with low-grade chronic pancreatitis, orthopedic or neurologic disease, occult kidney infection, other.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Orthopedic and neurologic examinations are recommended (if not already performed).
- Consider three-view thoracic radiographs to assess for occult pathology in the chest, rib abnormalities, etc.
- Also consider a cPLI and urinalysis, +/- culture and sensitivity.

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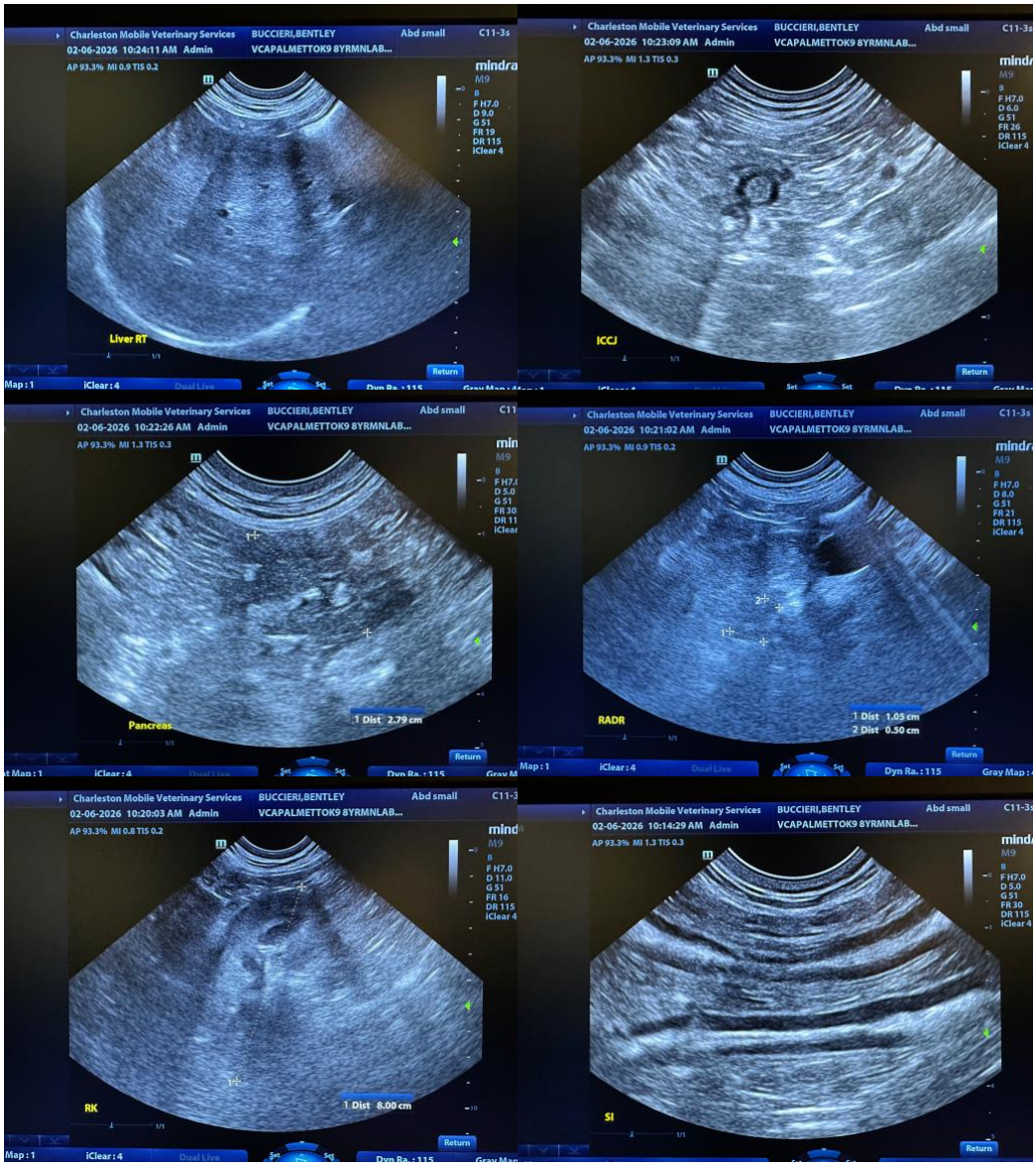
- In the meantime, empirical pain management is recommended.
- Serial monitoring (i.e., every 3-4 months) of the patient's liver values is recommended. If liver values continue to increase, a repeat abdominal ultrasound +/- hepatic tissue sampling may be warranted.



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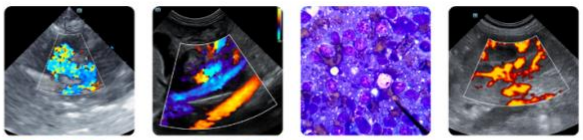

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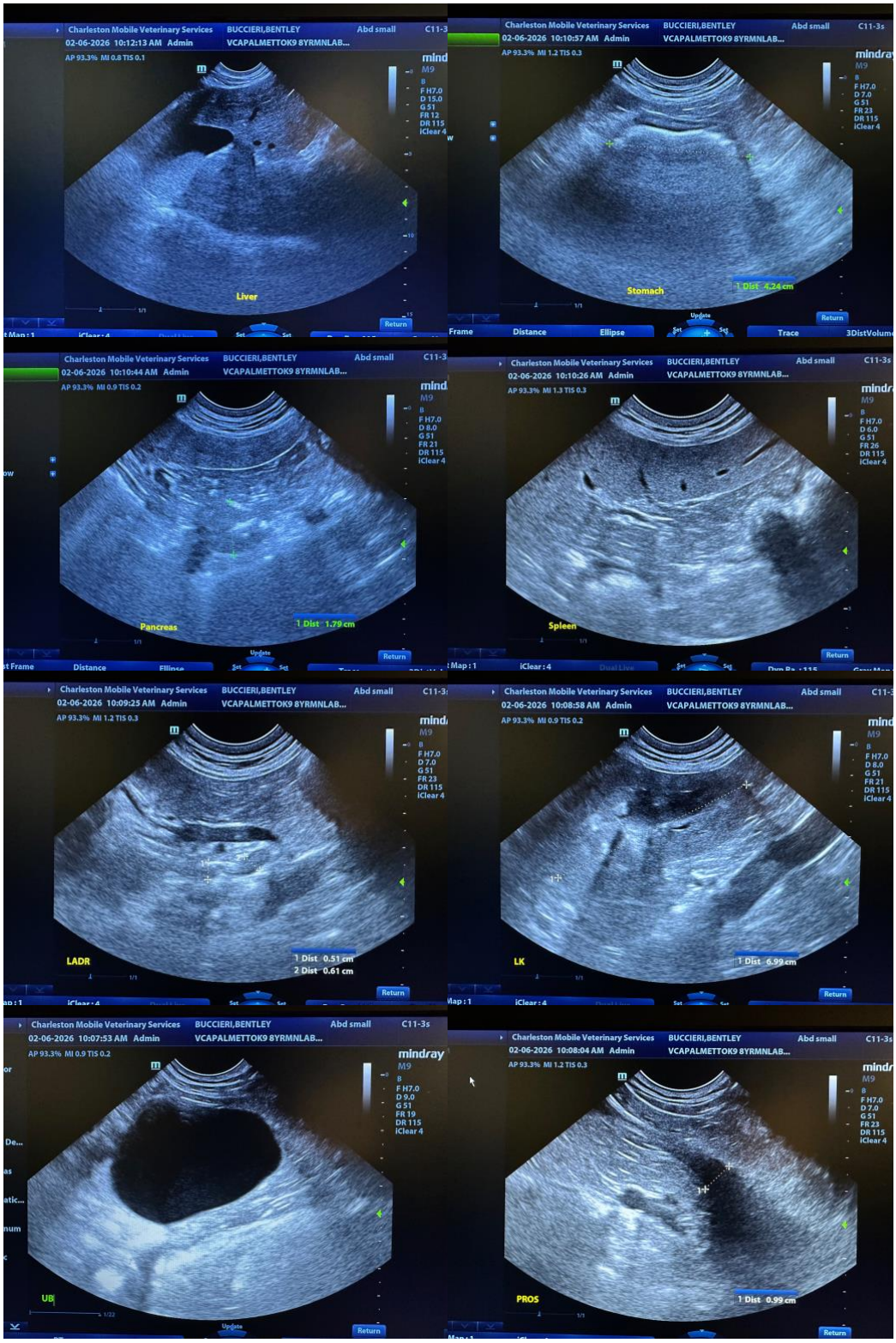

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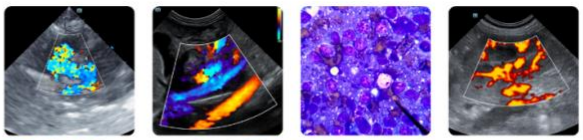

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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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