



**PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Gemini Allison

History:

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

German Shepherd Mix

**SEX**

Female Spayed

**AGE**

10 years, 7 mos

**WEIGHT**

39.3 lbs

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1. slightly sore gait
2. Hx of allergy- controlled symptoms with apoquel
3. Hx of lymphopenia
4. x-ray evidence of poss splenomegaly in late 2019/poss organomegaly today Routine geriatric scan AUS

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: CBC WNL, except: MCV 60.5fL (N 61.6-73.5) LOW MCH 20.7pg (N 21.2-25.9) LOW WBC  $4.63 \times 10^9/L$  (N 5.05-16.76) LOW LYM  $0.69 \times 10^9/L$  (N 1.05-5.10) LOW (historically similar) Chemistry WNL except: AMYL 475 U/L (N 500-1500) LOW TT4 wnl

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**Urinary System**

The urinary bladder wall is normal in thickness and the mucosal surface is smooth. The bladder is moderately distended. A small amount of suspended echogenic debris is observed within the lumen. No cystic calculi are observed. The region of the trigone and the proximal urethra, visible to a depth of 2 cm, are normal.

The left kidney is normal in size (6.01 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 (6.52 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 (0.58 cm at cranial pole) (0.67 cm at caudal pole) (3.06 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 in normal size (0.68 cm at cranial pole) (0.70 cm at caudal pole) (3.18 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.

**Spleen**

The spleen is prominent in size (2.81 cm in width at the level of the hilus) with normal curvilinear peripheral contours. 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 contours and structure. 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. No pathological hepatic lymphadenopathy observed.

The gall bladder is of normal contours and contains some dependent echogenic debris. The wall is normal in thickness. No choleliths are observed. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not



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**Gastrointestinal**

The 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 thickness is normal 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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**Free Abdomen**

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

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**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

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**Primary Findings**

- The mild splenomegaly is most consistent with a benign process (i.e., lymphoid hyperplasia, extramedullary hematopoiesis, antigenic stimulation, or splenitis) with a lower possibility of emerging neoplasia (i.e., lymphoma).

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

- If further evaluation of the spleen is desired, consider a fine-needle aspirate (if clotting status is normal). A 25-gauge needle should be used.
- Also consider three-view thoracic radiographs as geriatric monitoring of cardiopulmonary status.
- If all tests are inconclusive, consider monitoring baseline lab work every 6 months to assess for the development of metabolic dysfunction.

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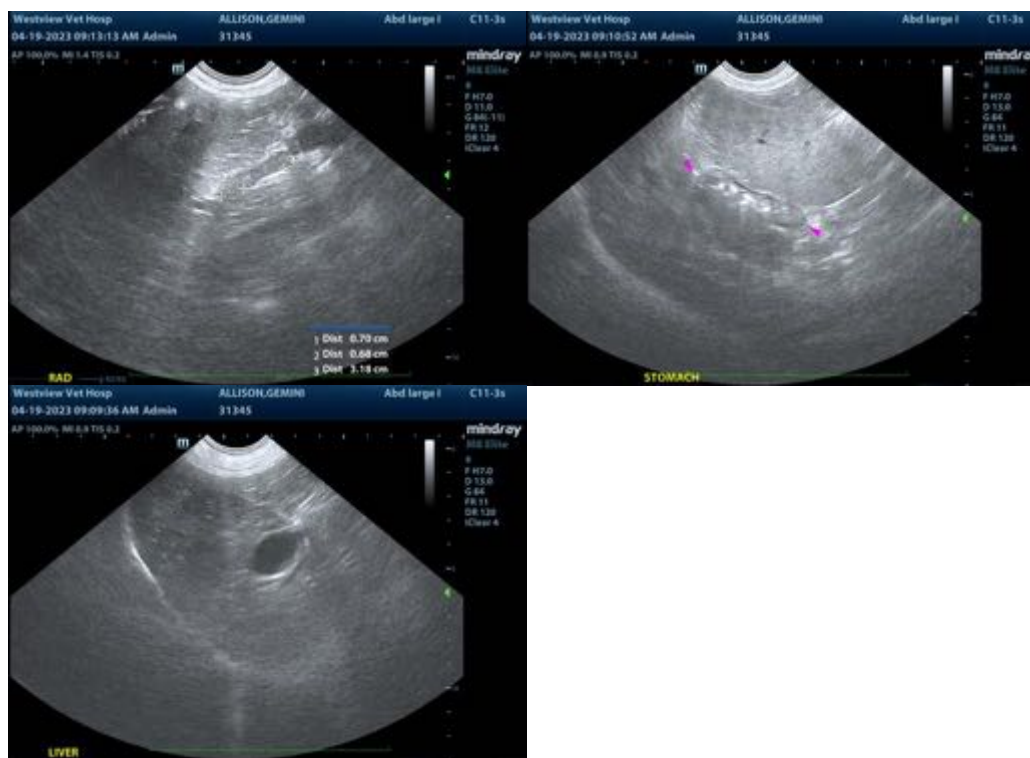
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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