



**PATIENT**

Spacehog  
Quesenberry

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Pitbull Terrier Mix

**SEX**

Neutered Male

**AGE**

1 year

**WEIGHT**

19 kg

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**HOSPITAL NAME**

Mason Dixon Animal  
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4.21.23

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: anorexia, lethargic, + for HW today, vomiting

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: WBC 18.9 RBC 1.6 HCT 10 PLT 80 MPV 5.4 Globulin 5

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**Urinary System**

The urinary bladder wall is normal in thickness and the mucosal surface is smooth. The bladder is distended. Luminal contents are anechoic. No cystic calculi are observed. The region of the trigone and the proximal urethra, visible to a depth of 1-2 cm, are normal.

The prostate is normal in size (1.40 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 (7.06 cm in length) with a normal shape, architecture and 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. Renal vasculature is normal.

The right kidney is normal in size (7.68 cm in length) with a normal shape, architecture and 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. Renal vasculature is normal.

**Adrenal Glands**

The left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.38 cm at cranial pole) (0.39 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 in normal size (1.02 cm at cranial pole) (0.53 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 enlarged (2.88 cm in width at the level of the hilus) with swollen/rounded 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 lumen is moderately distended. The wall is thin and smooth. Luminal contents are anechoic. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not seen.

**Gastrointestinal**

The lumen is not distended. The gastric wall is normal in thickness with a normal layering pattern. The small intestinal lumen is minimally fluid-distended. The small intestinal wall thickness is normal with a



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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.

**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**

There is no obvious evidence of free fluid. A few prominent mesenteric lymph nodes are visualized (the largest measuring 2.42 cm in length).

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**Other**

A brief visualization of the heart reveals no evidence of pericardial effusion.

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**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

**Findings**

- The splenomegaly may be secondary to extramedullary hematopoiesis, lymphoid hyperplasia, splenitis, antigenic stimulation or emerging neoplasia (i.e., lymphoma).
- The prominent abdominal lymph nodes are most consistent with reactive lymphadenitis or lymphoid hyperplasia. Neoplastic infiltration is considered less likely.

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Given the CBC findings, consider the following:
  1. Reticulocyte count
  2. Slide agglutination test to evaluation autoagglutination
  3. Clinical pathology review
  4. A comprehensive tick panel, including PCR and serology (submission to North Carolina State University's Vector Borne Disease Diagnostic Lab is recommended. <https://cvm.ncsu.edu/research/labs/clinical-sciences/vector-borne-disease>)
  5. +/- bone marrow aspirate
- Three-view thoracic radiographs are recommended to assess for occult neoplasia in the chest
- If the platelet count can be stabilized, consider a fine-needle aspirate of the spleen to assess for infiltrative neoplasia.
- While awaiting test results, symptomatic care (including blood transfusions) may be warranted.

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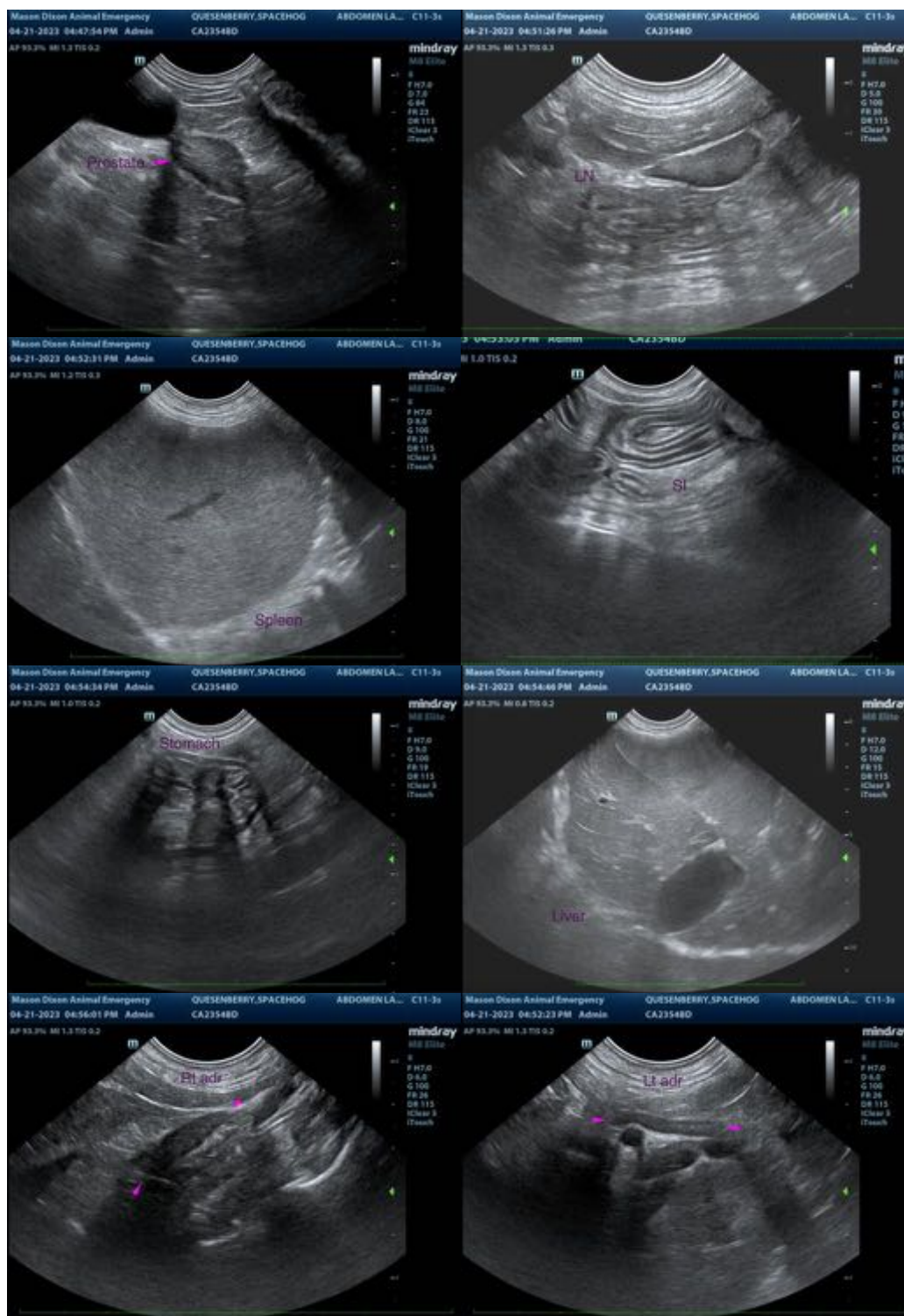
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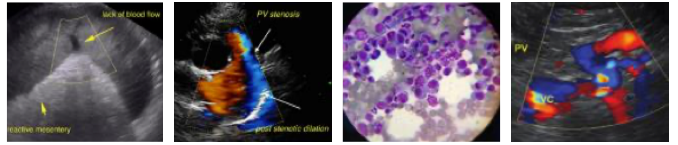
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.



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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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