

**DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

6/13/22

Suspect HAC. PUPD since fall of 2021, progressive ALP elevation, otherwise well.

PATIENT

Cali Hughes

Current Medications: None.

Lab Results: ALP most recently 1735 on rDVM lab work, other liver enzymes normal Thrombocytosis of 544K on most recent labs

Borderline proteinuria UPC 0.4.

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous,

Sedation: Not required to complete full diagnostic ultrasound.

Stat Report: Not requested.

SPECIES

Canine

Imaging Performed By: Andi Parkinson, BS, RDMS.

BREED

Yorkie mix

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**Urinary System**

The urinary bladder, trigone, and pelvic urethra are normal in thickness and the mucosal surface is smooth.

The bladder lumen is moderately distended with anechoic urine. No masses, inflammatory changes or calculi are observed. Ureteral papillae and visualized portion of the proximal urethra, visible to a depth of 2 cm, are normal.

AGE

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The left kidney is normal in size (4.21 cm in length) with a normal shape, smooth peripheral margins and normal internal architecture. There is moderate loss of corticomedullary distinction. Several hyperechoic shadowing diverticular foci are observed. Pinpoint hyperechoic foci are observed within the cortex. At least 1-2 small cortical cysts are seen. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, infarcts or hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

WEIGHT

5.12 kg.

The right kidney is normal in size (4.39 cm in length) with a normal shape, smooth peripheral margins and normal internal architecture. There is mild to moderate loss of corticomedullary distinction. Several hyperechoic shadowing diverticular foci are observed. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, infarcts or hydronephrosis.

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Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is mildly enlarged (0.49 cm at cranial pole) (0.60 cm at caudal pole) (1.85 cm in length); normal shape; homogenous parenchyma. The glandular echogenicity and detail are unremarkable. Capsule, cortex, and medullary definition are normal. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal. *No definitive focal lesions are observed. However, light sedation would be necessary to completely rule out the possibility of parenchymal nodules.

HOSPITAL NAME

Nexus Veterinary
Specialists

The right adrenal gland is normal size (0.73 cm at cranial pole) (0.77 cm at caudal pole) (1.68 cm in length); normal shape; homogenous parenchyma. The glandular echogenicity and detail are unremarkable. Capsule, cortex, and medullary definition are normal. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

REFERRING VET

Dr. Steele

Spleen

The spleen is normal in size (1.08 cm in width at the level of the hilus) with a normal capsular contour. There is appropriate echogenicity and echotexture. Several small, ill-defined myelolipomas are observed in the region of the hilus. Splenic vasculature is normal.

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Liver

The liver is subjectively prominent to enlarged with mildly swollen peripheral contours. The parenchyma is isoechoic relative to the spleen and heterogeneous in appearance with numerous small, ill-defined hypoechoic nodules throughout the organ. The largest nodule measures 1.02 cm in diameter. Vascular and

biliary tracts are of normal volume with no evidence of congestion. The gall bladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall is thin and smooth. A small to moderate amount of aggregated echogenic mostly gravity-dependent debris/sludge is observed within the lumen. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not seen.

Gastrointestinal

The stomach and intestine are free of stasis and exhibit normal peristaltic activity. 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 segmentally dilated with gas. 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. No obstructive disease is noted.

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.

Free Abdomen

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

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

Primary Findings:

- Suspected benign diffuse hepatopathy. Top differentials include regenerative nodular hyperplasia and vacuolar hepatopathy. Inflammatory disease is considered less likely in light of the normal ALT. Infiltrative neoplasia is possible but also considered less likely.
- Mild bilateral adrenomegaly (light sedation would be necessary to determine if small parenchymal nodules are present).

Secondary Findings:

- Bilateral, chronic age-related renal changes with dystrophic mineralization.
- Gallbladder debris/sludge, non-mucocele.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Further diagnostics and therapeutics will be implemented by Dr. Steele.



The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring

veterinarian. 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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