



**PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Wyatt Harmon History: Pt has Cushing's, r/o pituitary vs adrenal

**SPECIES** Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: ALP 1201. BNP normal. USG 1.021 with 1+ proteinuria and inactive sediment. T4 1.4. 4dx negative. CBC unremarkable.

Canine

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**BREED** *Urinary System*

Chihuahua Mix

The urinary bladder wall is normal in thickness and 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 visible portion of the proximal urethra are normal.

**SEX**

Neutered Male

The prostate is normal in size (0.87 cm in width) with a normal shape and smooth peripheral contours. The parenchyma is homogenous. The prostatic urethra is not overtly dilated.

**AGE**

13 years

The left kidney is normal in size (4.76 cm in length) with a normal shape, architecture and smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with mild loss of corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

**WEIGHT**

19.2 lbs

The right kidney is normal in size (4.28 cm in length) with a normal shape, architecture and smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with minimal to mild loss of corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

**Adrenal Glands**

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The left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.39 cm at cranial pole) (0.47 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 (0.70 cm at cranial pole) (0.47 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.

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**Spleen**

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The spleen is normal in size (1.32 cm in width at the level of the hilus) with a normal capsular contour. The parenchyma is subtly mottled in appearance. A few small, ill-defined hypoechoic nodules/areas are visualized. Splenic vasculature appears normal.

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**Liver**

The liver is subjectively enlarged with slightly swollen peripheral contours. The parenchyma is isoechoic relative to the spleen and diffusely homogeneous in appearance. No distinct focal lesions are observed. Vascular and biliary tracts are of normal volume with no evidence of congestion.

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The gall bladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall is normal in thickness. Several polypoid-like lesions are arising from the luminal surface. Luminal contents are mostly anechoic. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not seen.

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**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



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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 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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**Primary Findings**

- Suspected benign diffuse hepatopathy. Vacuolar hepatopathy (i.e., idiopathic/endocrine) is suspected. Inflammatory disease, infiltrative neoplasia, and other hepatopathies are considered less likely in light of the normal ALT.

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**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 low possibility of infiltrative neoplasia (i.e., lymphoma, mast cell neoplasia).
- Mild bilateral chronic renal changes

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

- If the patient is exhibiting clinical signs of Cushing's disease, consider initiating medical management (i.e., trilostane). However, if the patient is asymptomatic, serial monitoring (i.e., every 3-4 months) of the liver values is recommended. If the patient's liver values continue to increase, or if the patient begins to exhibit clinical signs associated with Cushing's disease, repeat abdominal imaging +/- repeat Cushing's testing may be warranted.
- Given the proteinuria, a UPC is recommended.

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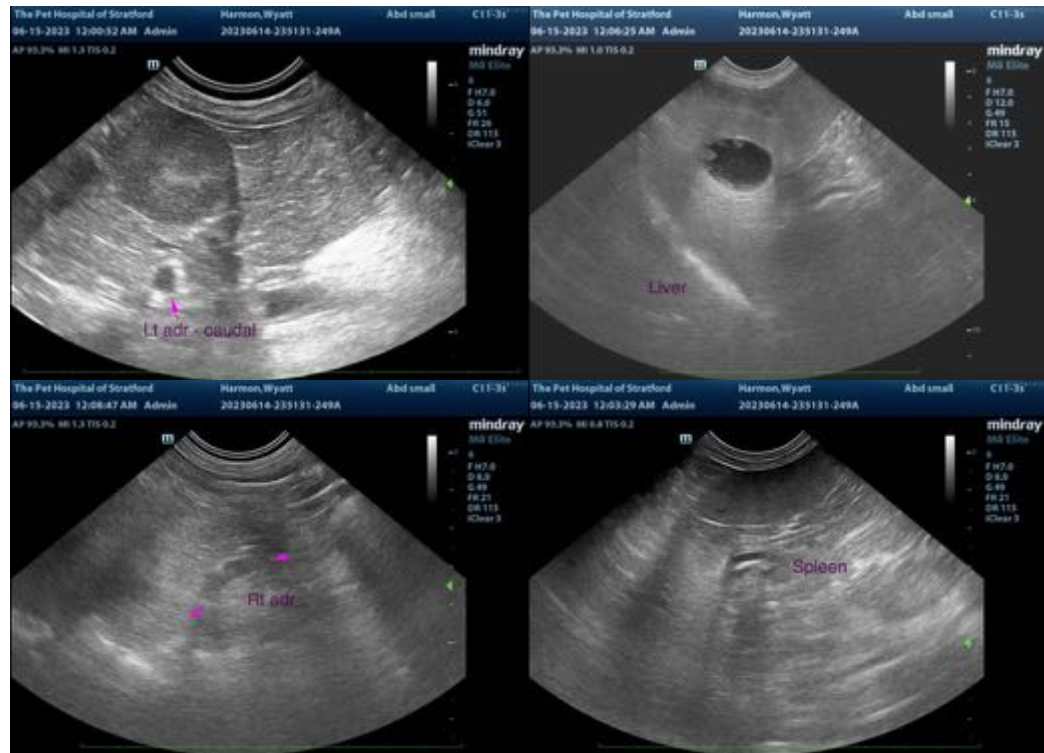
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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