



PATIENT

Salem Crooks

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Labardor Mix

SEX

Female, spayed

AGE

12 Yrs. 2 months

WEIGHT

39 lbs.

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: Seen 5/5/2022 for wellness exam. Dental scheduled. At the time of the wellness exam patient's appetite had been lower than usual. Elevated liver values on preanesthetic blood work. See results below. Ultrasound to screen for cause of liver value elevations.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Exam 7/19/2022: Severe dental tartar/gingivitis maxillary canines. Moderate gum recession 104. Healthy weight. Remainder of exam normal. BW 6/25/2022 Chem-ALT high 134, ALP high 274 CBC-nsf

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

The urinary bladder and visible portion of the pelvic urethra are normal for the degree of luminal distension. The urine is anechoic with no evidence of debris. Cystic calculi and discrete masses are not observed. The region of the trigone and the visible portion of the proximal urethra are normal.

The left kidney is normal size (6.14 cm in length); normal shape and architecture with 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 hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

The right kidney is normal size (6.23 cm in length); normal shape and architecture with 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 hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is normal size (0.56 cm at cranial pole) (0.65 cm at caudal pole); 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.

The right adrenal gland is normal size (0.78 cm at cranial pole) (0.48 cm at caudal pole); 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.

Spleen

The spleen is normal in size (2.23 cm in width at the level of the hilus) with a normal capsular contour. There is appropriate echogenicity and echotexture. A few small hyperechoic nodules are observed. Splenic vasculature is normal.

Liver

The liver is subjectively prominent in size with swollen peripheral contours. The parenchyma is isoechoic relative to the spleen. A few small, ill-defined hypoechoic nodules/areas are observed. The remaining parenchyma is homogeneous. 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 moderate amount of echogenic to mineralized debris, most of which is gravity-dependent and some of which is suspended is observed within the lumen. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not seen.



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The gastric 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. No obstructive disease is noted.

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Pancreas

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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 diffuse hepatic changes are non-specific and could be consistent with vacuolar hepatopathy, regenerative nodular hyperplasia, and/or age-related remodeling. Inflammatory and infiltrative disease are considered less likely.
- Gallbladder debris/sand- incidental.

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Secondary Findings:

- The hyperechoic splenic nodules are likely benign (i.e., myelolipomas) with a low possibility of emerging neoplasia.
- Minor bilateral chronic age-related renal changes.

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

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- 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.
- Given the patient's age, three-view thoracic radiographs are recommended prior to anesthesia to assess cardiopulmonary status.
- Regarding the elevated liver enzymes and anesthesia, Benzodiazepines should be avoided, and opioids should be used judiciously.

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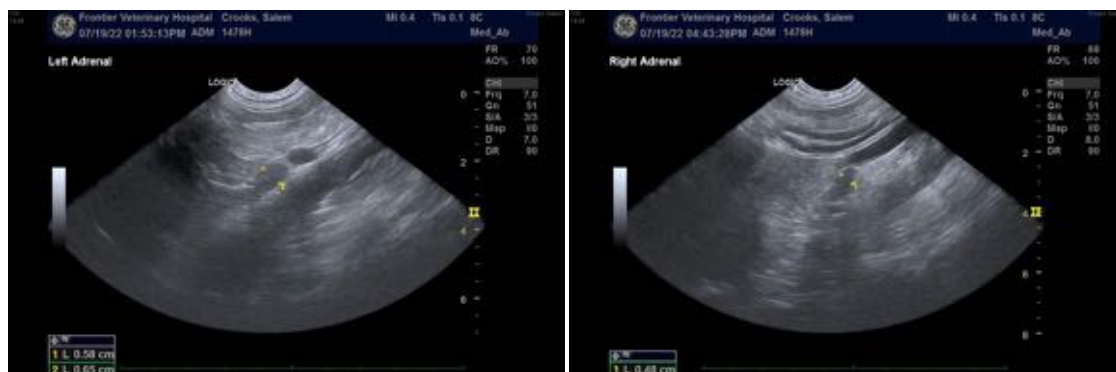
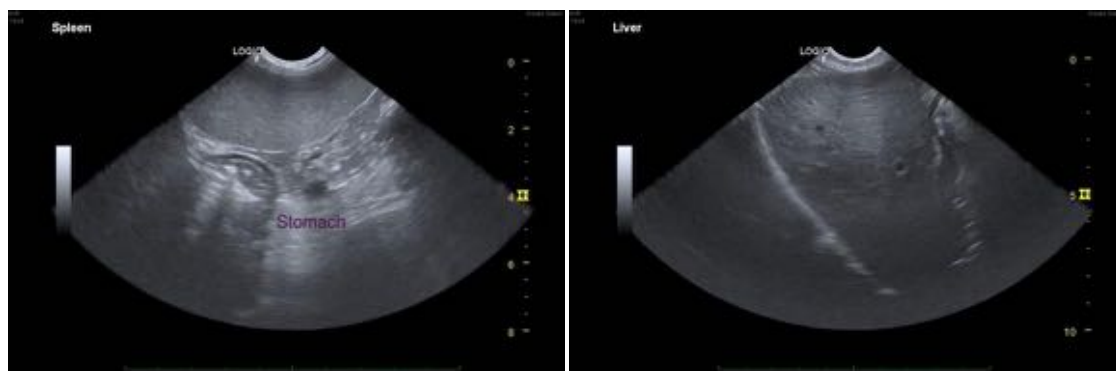
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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