



**PATIENT**

JanJao Peterson

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Medium Mixed

**SEX**

Neutered Male

**AGE**

13.5 years

**WEIGHT**

33 lbs

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Shiloh AH

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Shana Silverstein

**INVOICE**

14155

**DATE**

8.17.23

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: IRIS early stage 2 renal dz. Ultrasound to screen kidneys/set baseline.  
Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: SDMA 16, Creat 1.6, 1st AM USG 1.010

**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. 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 (0.95 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 (4.96 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 hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

The right kidney is normal in size (4.70 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 hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

**Adrenal Glands**

The region of the right adrenal glands is evaluated. No obvious pathology is observed in this region.

**Spleen**

The spleen is normal in size (1.84 cm in width at the level of the hilus) with a normal capsular contour. 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. A small amount of echogenic debris is observed within the lumen (some of which is gravity-dependent and some of which is suspended). 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 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.

**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

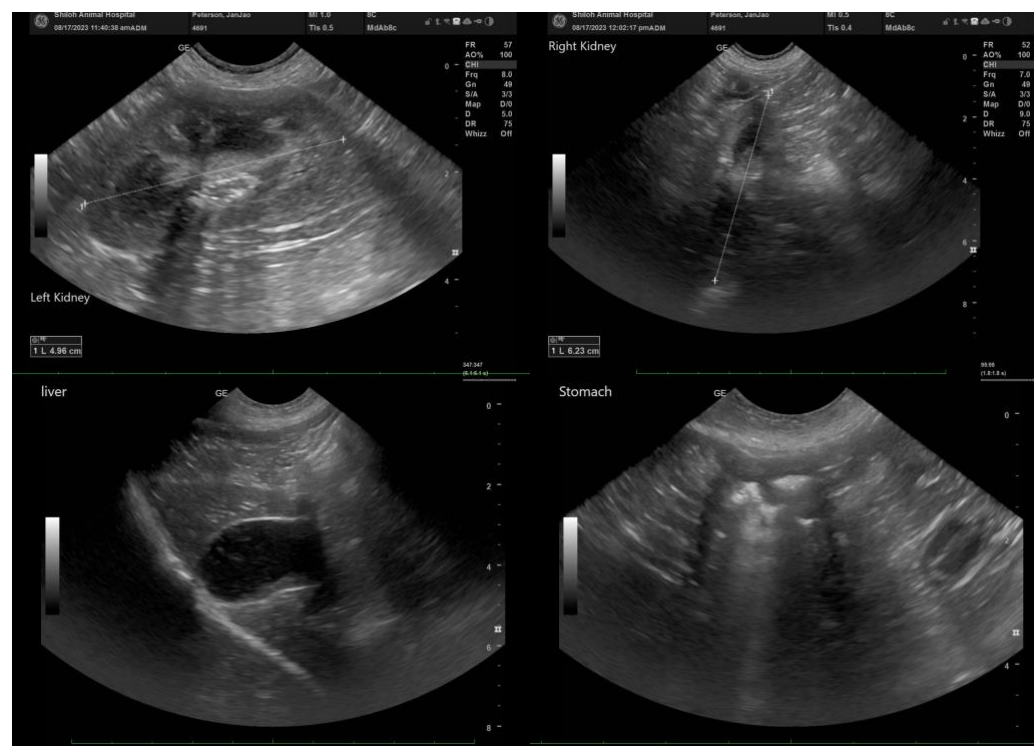
The peritoneal cavity is normal. There is no evidence of inflammation or effusion. The abdominal lymph nodes are normal/not visible.

## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Bilateral nonspecific renal changes

## INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Given the azotemia, consider the following:
  - Urine culture and sensitivity to assess for occult infection
  - UPC (if proteinuria is present in the absence of infection)
  - Baseline blood pressure measurement
  - Consider Leptospirosis testing (i.e., blood and urine PCR, serology), particularly if the azotemia is acute in nature.
  - Transitioning to a prescription renal diet (if the patient will tolerate it)
  - Serial monitoring of the patient's renal values to assess for progressive azotemia



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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