

**DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

9/9/21

History: Pet presented 8/23/21 for first-time seizure of 2-minute duration. No known toxic exposure. She recovered well and had no issues since.

**PATIENT**

Yuki Muse

Current Medications: Interceptor and Simparica (although we discussed switching off oral flea/tick control)  
 Lab Results: 8/25/21 CBC: MCV 60.3 (61.6-73.5), MCH 19.5 (21.2-25.9), Reticulocyte hemoglobin 20.4. CHEM: electrolytes NSF. Urine unremarkable. Bile acids testing - Pre - 86.4 (0-14.9); Post 13.1 (0-29.9).

Radiographs: Not provided by the veterinarian.

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous IntraPet scans.

**SPECIES**

Canine

Sedation: Sedation not required for scan.

Stat Report: STAT report not requested by the veterinarian.

**BREED**

Shiba Inu

**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.

**SEX**

Female, spayed

The left kidney is normal size (4.94 cm in length); normal shape and architecture with 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.

**AGE**

12/26/2018

The right kidney is normal size (4.63 cm in length); normal shape and architecture with 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.

**WEIGHT**

30.6 lbs.

**Adrenal Glands**

The left adrenal gland is normal size (0.47 cm at cranial pole) (0.39 cm at caudal pole) (2.00 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.

The right adrenal gland is normal size (0.49 cm at cranial pole) (0.44 cm at caudal pole) (2.18 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.

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**Spleen**

The spleen is normal in size (1.61 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 portal vein: caudal vena cava ratio is approximately 1:1. 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.

**REFERRING VET**

Dr. Gostyla

**INVOICE**

12052

**Gastrointestinal**

The stomach and intestine are free of stasis and exhibit normal peristaltic activity. The gastric lumen is mildly distended with ingesta. 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 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.

### ***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. A 0.94 cm lymph node is observed approximately mid-abdomen.

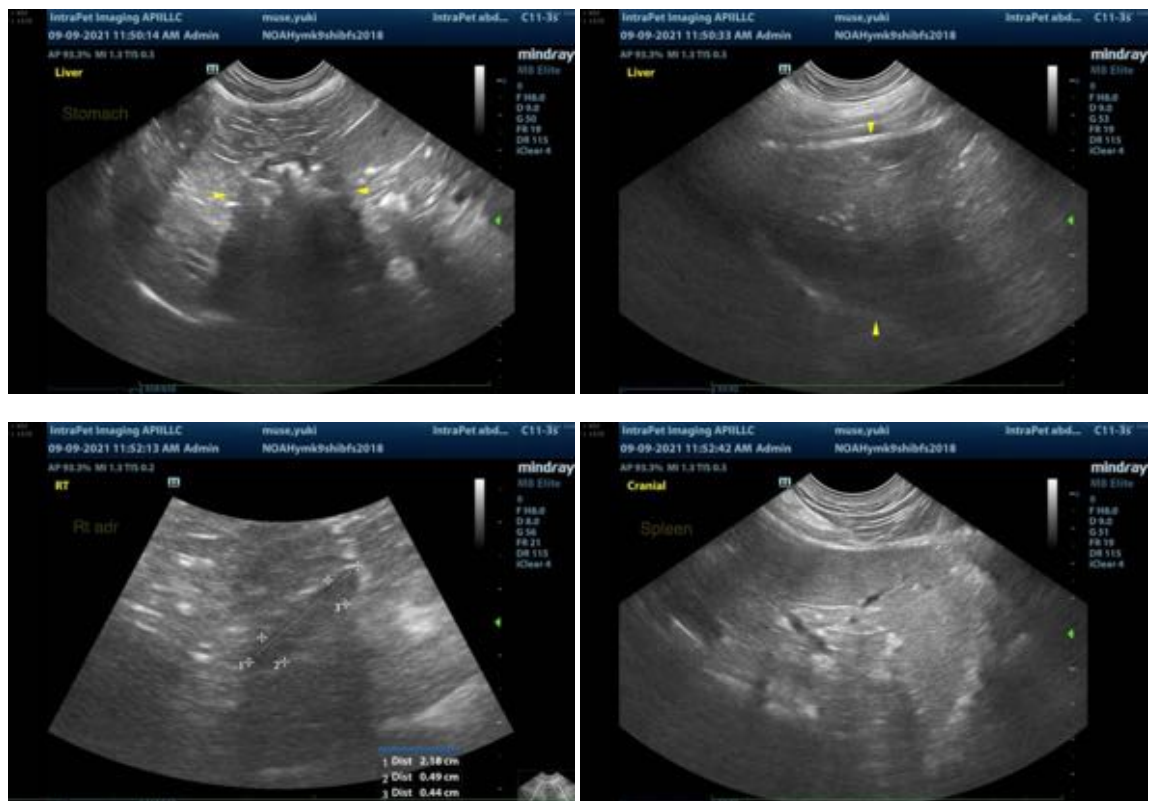
## **ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

- Unremarkable abdomen. There is no obvious evidence of a congenital extrahepatic portosystemic shunt.

\*An obvious cause for the patient's elevated serum bile acids is not identified in this study. Differentials include microscopic hepatopathy, microvascular dysplasia, intrahepatic portosystemic shunt, lab error, other.

## **INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

Given the unusual bile acid pattern, consider repeating the test to confirm abnormal levels. Also consider a blood ammonia level. If liver function tests are persistently abnormal, a liver biopsy would be necessary to obtain a definitive diagnosis.





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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