



## PATIENT

Hobbes Gloer

## SPECIES

Canine

## BREED

Labradoodle

## SEX

Neutered Male

## AGE

9 Years

## WEIGHT

18 kg

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## PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Previous diagnosed hepatopathy with primary marked ALT elevation, moderate ALP elevation, mild GGT and tbili elevation. Developed diarrhea although not since being hospitalized yesterday Pu/pd reported by owner now. Currently on aventiliver, metronidazole, amoxicillin, ursodiol Hospitalized on IVF.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: ALT 988, ALP 426, GGT 25, tbili 42

## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

### *Urinary System*

The urinary bladder, trigone, and pelvic urethra are unremarkable with normal wall thicknesses and normal tone. The ureters were not visualized, which is a normal finding. There is a mild amount of suspended mobile echogenic debris in the bladder. The ureteral papillae appear normal. There is no evidence of inflammatory, infiltrative, or neoplastic disease.

The kidneys are normal in size and structure, with appropriate corticomedullary definition and cortex to medulla ratio. The cortices are uniform in texture with normal echogenic relationship to liver and spleen. The medullary structure differed distinctly from the cortex and no evidence of pyelectasis is present. The capsules are uniform without significant irregularities noted. Left kidney measures 5.89 cm. Right kidney measures 5.78 cm.

### *Adrenal Glands*

Both adrenal glands are visualized and have normal shape, size, position and echogenicity for this breed. The phrenic vasculature, glandular echogenicity and detail were unremarkable. Capsule, cortex, and medullary definition were normal for this age patient. Left measures 0.64 cm x 2.39 cm. Right measures 0.67 cm x 2.5 cm.

### *Spleen*

The spleen measures 2.29 cm at the hilus. It is subjectively slightly enlarged with a diffusely slightly mottled or heterogeneous parenchymal echotexture. The capsule is without significant irregularity. The splenic vasculature is normal without signs of congestion, spontaneous echo contrast, or thrombosis.

### *Liver*

The liver is subjectively small with a diffusely heterogeneous or mottled parenchyma that is appropriately hypoechoic to the spleen. Vasculature is within normal limits with no evidence of congestion. The gallbladder contains a mild amount of suspended echogenic debris and dependent sediment. The gallbladder walls are appropriately thin. There is no evidence of intra- or extra-hepatic biliary dilation. The cystic and common bile ducts were normal.

### *Gastrointestinal*

The stomach and intestines are free of stasis and peristaltic activity, with no significant dilation noted. There is normal wall thickness and acceptable curvilinear mural detail. The pyloric-duodenal junction and ileoceocolic junction are patent, and the colon contains normal shadowing feces. There is no evidence of shadowing obstructive material or overt infiltrative disease noted.



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## **Pancreas**

The base and limbs of the pancreas are isoechoic to surrounding omental fat. The pancreatic duct and capsular contour are normal. There is no overt evidence of active inflammatory or neoplastic disease.

## **Free Abdomen**

There are several slightly prominent mesenteric lymph nodes with normal length to width ratio and isoechoic parenchyma. There is a scant volume of anechoic free fluid noted.

## **ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

- The urinary bladder contains echogenic, suspended debris contrasted with anechoic urine. This is often related to urinary tract infection but may represent exfoliated debris or sterile inflammation.
- The mildly enlarged spleen with a coarse/mottled reticular pattern is most consistent with a reactive spleen, or possible splenitis. Round cell neoplasia is considered less likely but cannot be definitively excluded.
- The diffuse hepatic changes are non-specific and could be consistent with vacuolar hepatopathy, nodular hyperplasia, inflammatory, immune-mediated, metabolic, or endocrine disease. Infiltrative neoplasia or acute hepatitis cannot be ruled out.
- The gallbladder contains echogenic, suspended and dependent unorganized debris. This is not yet to the level of an organized mucocele, however early/developing mucocele cannot be ruled out. This dependent sediment is often an incidental finding or may be associated with concurrent endocrine disease such as hyperadrenocorticism or diabetes mellitus.
- The slightly prominent mesenteric lymph nodes display no loss of parenchymal detail or change in echogenicity. This is most consistent with reactive lymphadenitis or lymphatic hyperplasia.
- Scant anechoic free fluid.

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

A urinalysis and urine culture via cystocentesis are recommended to evaluate the urinary tract changes for potential urinary tract infection.

Fine needle aspirates of the spleen and liver with cytology are recommended. A coagulation profile and platelet estimate prior to sampling are indicated to ensure the absence of coagulopathy. Occasionally some tissues are poorly exfoliative, or cytology is non-specific, in which case biopsy with histopathology may be required for a definitive diagnosis.

Ultimately, hepatic biopsies with copper quantification may be required for complete diagnosis. Consider starting Ursodiol and Denamarin therapy, given the biochemical changes and presence of biliary sediment.



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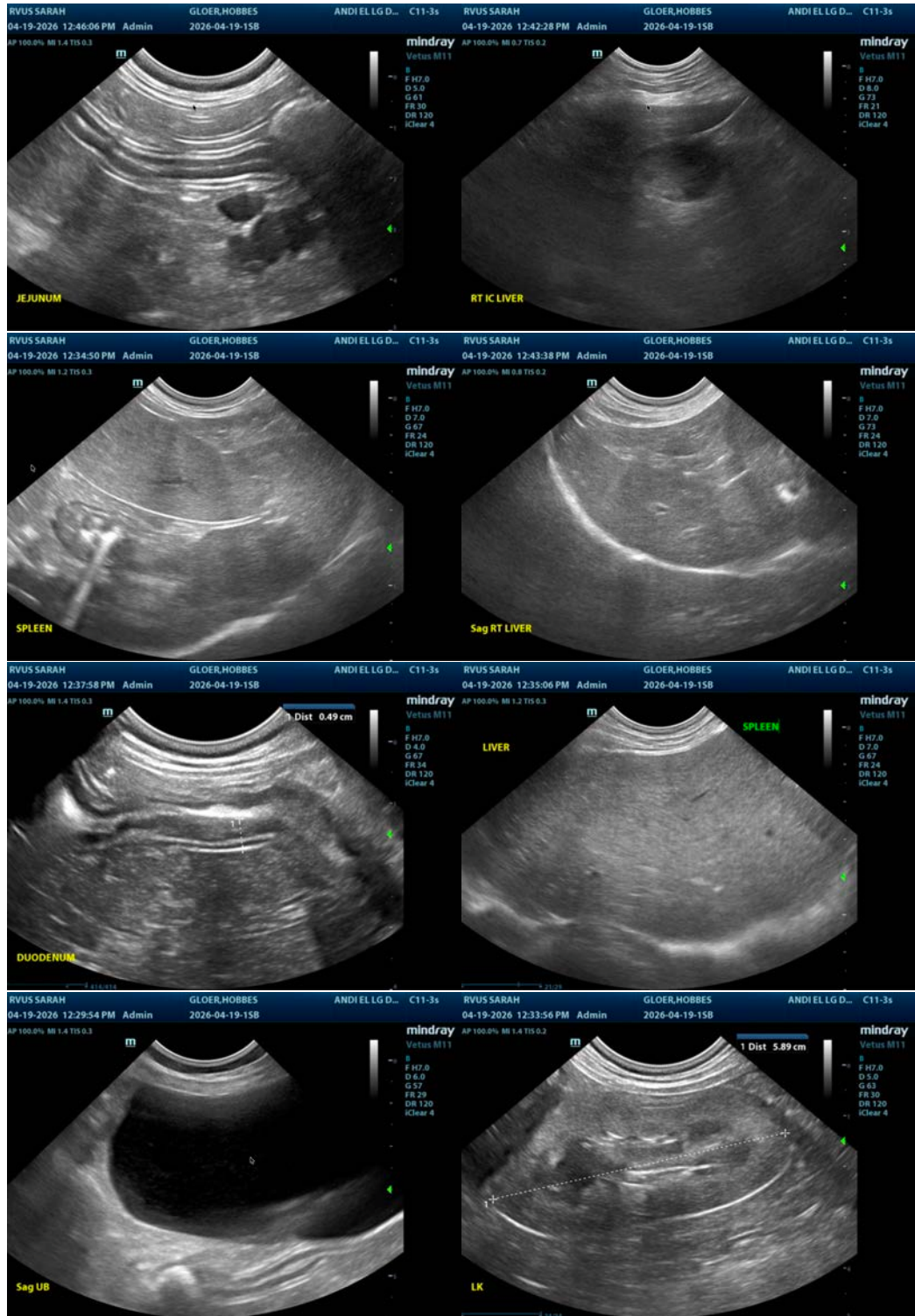
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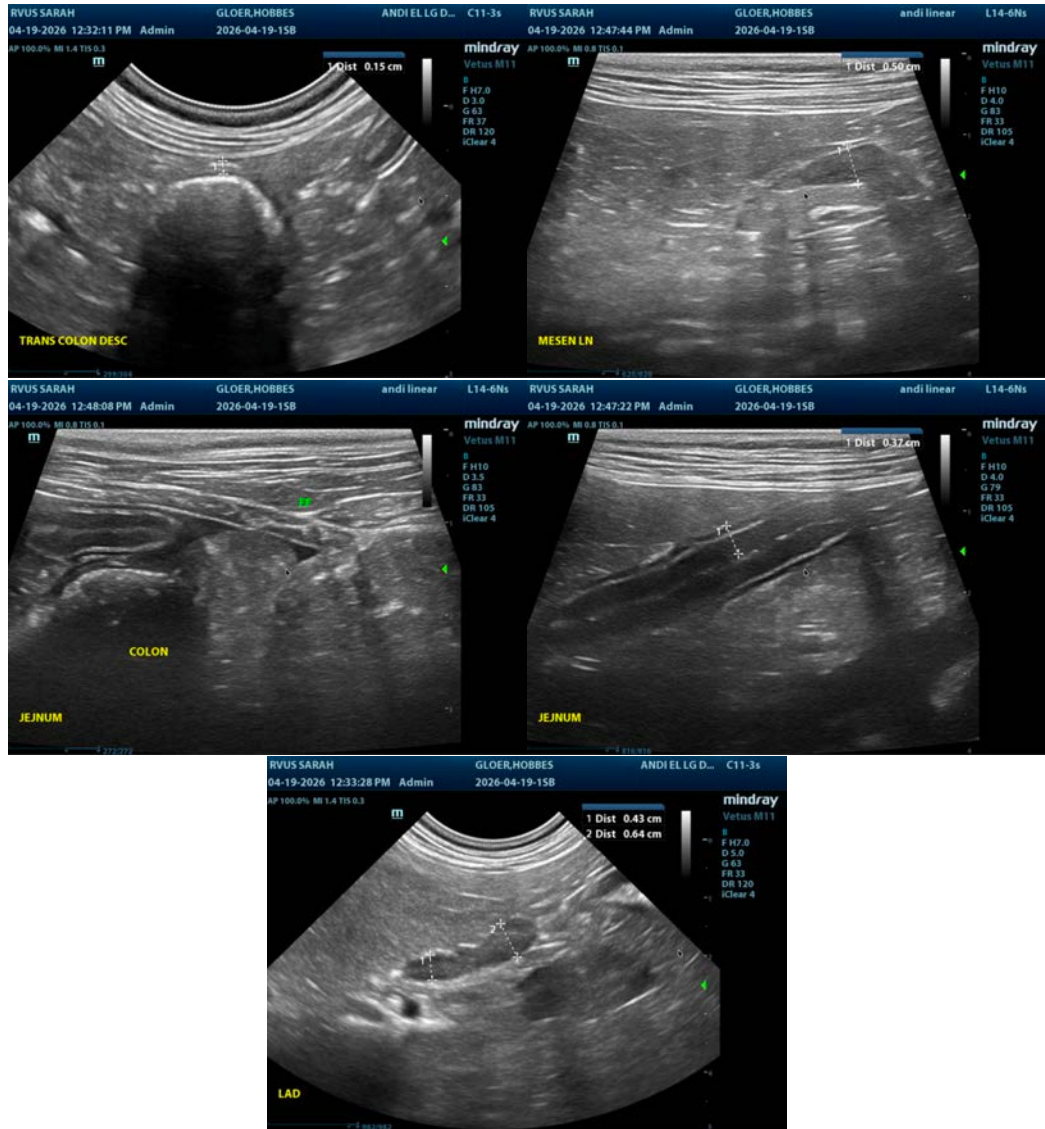
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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