

PATIENT

Penny Hurd

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Sheepadoodle

SEX

Spayed female

AGE

6 years

WEIGHT

95.6 lbs

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: Increased thirst, sleeping more, mild liver enlarged on rads. Mild hepatomegaly on rads,, +/- sensitivity to abd. palp.
Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: ^ BUN/Creat ratio (normal BUN and Creat individually) ^ triglycerides. Urine pending.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

The urinary bladder is adequately distended with anechoic urine and a mild amount of suspended, echogenic mobile debris. The rest of 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. 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 hyperechoic with a mild decrease in normal corticomedullary distinction. The cortex to medulla ratio is appropriate with no significant pyelectasia or pelvis dilation. The renal capsular are mildly irregular bilaterally. The left kidney measured 7.7 cm. The right kidney measured 8.16 cm.

Adrenal Glands

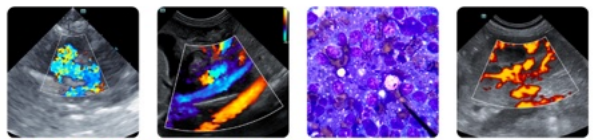
Both adrenal glands are visualized and have normal shape, size, position and echogenicity for this breed. The phrenic vasculature, glandular echogenicity and detail were unremarkable. Capsule, cortex, and medullary definition were normal for this age patient. The left adrenal gland measured 0.5 x 2.65 cm and the right adrenal gland measured 0.7 x 2.89 cm.

Spleen

The spleen measures 2.34 cm at the hilus. It is subjectively slightly prominent with a diffusely mottled or mildly heterogenous parenchymal pattern. The splenic capsule is smooth without significant irregularity. The splenic vasculature is normal without signs of congestion, spontaneous echo contrast, or thrombosis.

Liver

The liver is subjectively mildly enlarged with slightly rounded margins. The parenchyma has a diffusely mild or heterogenous parenchymal echotexture and the vasculature is normal with no evidence of congestion, spontaneous echocontrast or thrombosis. The gallbladder is thin walled with anechoic bile and a very mild amount of suspended, echogenic debris and dependent sediment. There is no evidence of intra- or extra-hepatic biliary dilation. The cystic and common bile ducts were normal. No hepatic



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lymphadenopathy is documented. There is no overt structural evidence of inflammatory, infiltrative or regenerative pathology evident.

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 ileocecolic junction are patent, and the colon contains normal shadowing feces. There is no evidence of shadowing obstructive material or overt infiltrative disease noted. No associated abnormal lymphatic activity is documented.

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 is no evidence of abdominal lymphadenopathy. No free fluid was noted.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

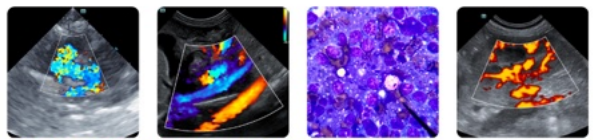
The urinary bladder contains echogenic, suspended debris contrasted with anechoic urine. This is often related to urinary tract infection but may represent exfoliated debris or sterile inflammation.

The kidneys are relatively normal in size and structure, and cortex:medulla ratio (cortex 1/3 of medulla) is essentially maintained. There is age-related loss of the normal smooth capsular contour and C/M junction definition. The cortices are largely uniform in texture with mild hyperechogenicity expected for this patient's age. There is no evidence of pelvic dilation present.

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.



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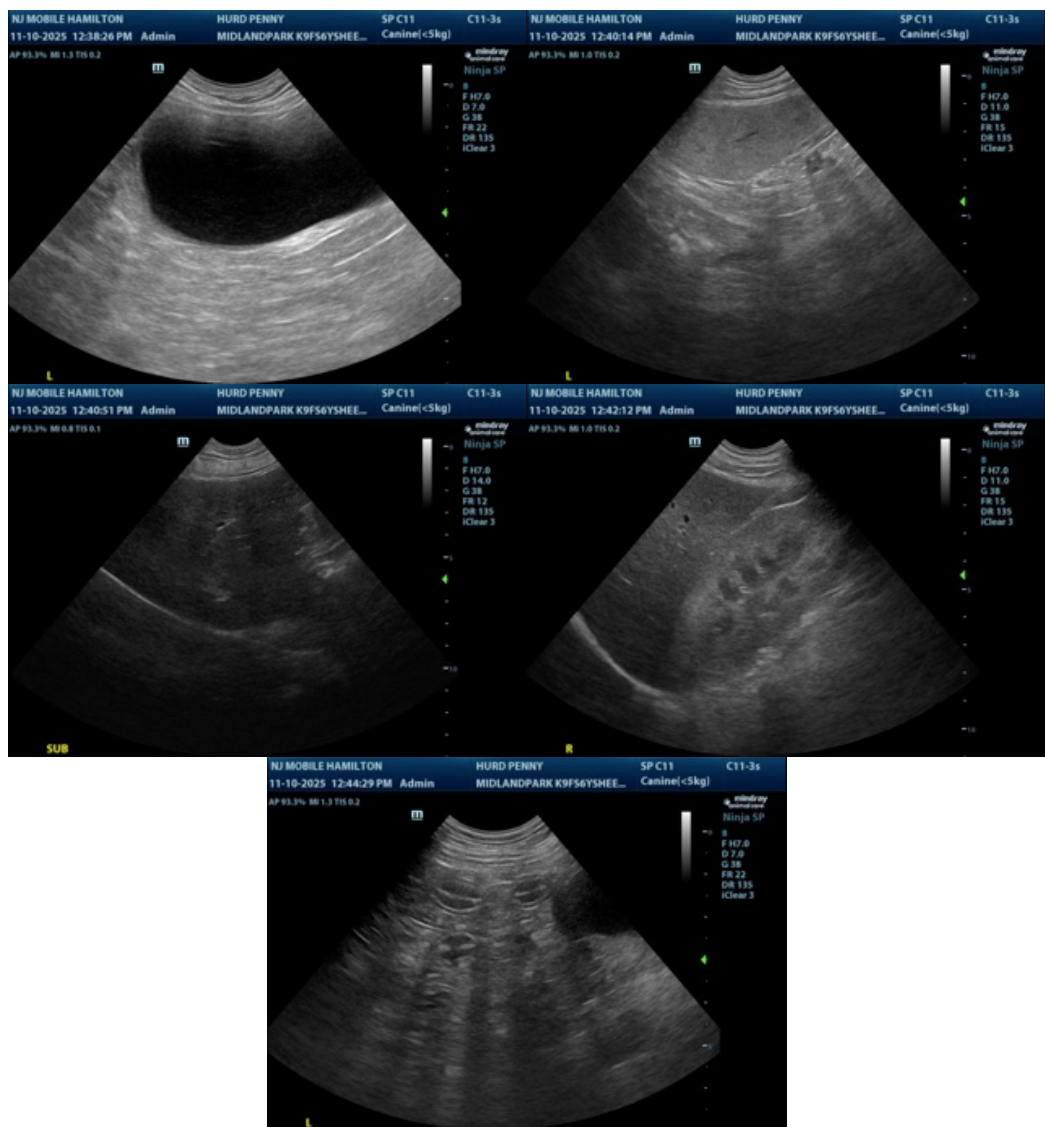
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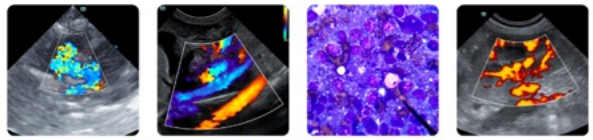
INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

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.

Given the clinical signs, consider an ACTH stimulation test and low dose dexamethasone suppression test are indicated to evaluate for potential hyperadrenocorticism.





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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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