



**PATIENT**

Kya Magee

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Pitbull X

**SEX**

Spayed Female

**AGE**

6 Years

**WEIGHT**

51 Pounds

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: Clinical Exam Findings: elevated renal and liver values. was doing better, but then after gourmet meal, vomiting/diarrhea returned ABNORMAL Labwork Values emailing Current Medications Cerenia.

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**Urinary System**

Urinary bladder is adequately distended with anechoic contents. No masses, inflammatory changes, echogenic sediment or cystoliths are observed. The urinary bladder, trigone and visible pelvic urethra are normal in thickness with a smooth mucosal surface.

Left kidney is normal in size (8.64 cm), shape and echogenicity. It has smooth peripheral margination. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with appropriate corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, mineral or infarcts observed.

Right kidney is normal in size (6.4 cm), shape and echogenicity. It has smooth peripheral margination. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with appropriate corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, mineral or infarcts observed.

**Adrenal Glands**

Left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.76 cm at cranial pole and 0.67 cm at caudal pole), shape and overall architecture, echogenicity and echotexture. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

Right adrenal gland is normal in size (0.79 cm at cranial pole and 0.52 cm at caudal pole), shape and overall architecture, echogenicity and echotexture. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

**Spleen**

The spleen contains an approximately 2.5 cm x 3.5 cm in size, homogenous, hypoechoic mass in the mid spleen, resulting in a capsular bulge. More normal, smooth splenic parenchyma is noted both cranially and caudally to the mass.

**Liver**

Liver is subjectively normal in size with normal smooth curvilinear peripheral contour. Parenchyma is appropriately hypoechoic to the spleen in echogenicity and appropriately mildly coarse and homogenous in echotexture. No focal lesions are observed. Visible vasculature and biliary tree appear normal without distension or congestion.

Gallbladder is non-distended in size. The wall is smooth without visible thickening. Luminal contents are primarily anechoic. There is no evidence of cystic or common bile duct dilation.

**Gastrointestinal**

The visible stomach wall is normal in thickness and layering. The lumen of the stomach is moderately to significantly overdistended with fluid and echogenic nonshadowing contents consistent with chyme, as well as a large amount of reverberation artifact from gas.



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The visible small intestines are normal in wall thickness and layering. Small intestinal motility appears adequate (1-3 contractions per min). The lumen of the small intestine is empty with no evidence of obstruction, foreign material or infiltrative disease.

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The visible colon is normal in wall thickness (< 0.2 cm) and layering. Contents are consistent with normal formed feces and gas.

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***Pancreas***

The pancreas that is observed appears appropriately isoechoic to surrounding omental fat. Visible capsule is smooth and normal in contour. Visible pancreatic parenchyma is homogenous and unremarkable. There is no visible pancreatic duct dilation. There is no evidence of active peripancreatic inflammation.

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***Free Abdomen***

There is no visible free peritoneal effusion noted in these images.

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There is no apparent pathologic lymphadenopathy noted in these images.

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Diffusely, there is very subtly appreciated enhanced hyperechoic tissue and fat in some images, predominantly medial to the spleen, adjacent to the mass, as well as throughout the cranial abdomen.

***Other***

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The visible heart base (RA) and pericardium are unremarkable without obvious pathology noted in these images at this time. If cardiac function evaluation is desired, a full echocardiogram is recommended.

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

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- The splenic mass could represent a benign lesion, such as nodular hyperplasia, extramedullary hematopoiesis, etc., or infiltrative neoplastic disease, such as round cell neoplasia versus other, and can't be differentiated without tissue sampling.
- The gastric distention is of unknown cause. There is no definitively visible obstructive material or obstructive process, making a functional ileus/delayed gastric emptying, secondary to another underlying metabolic process, top differential. Having said that, nonvisible, partial obstruction, can't be definitively ruled out.
- Very subtle/vaguely hyperechoic tissue throughout the cranial abdomen may suggest some inflammation adjacent to the splenic mass, or potentially stomach, although mild emerging or brewing gastrointestinal disease, or even pancreatitis, can't be ruled out.

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

Three view thoracic radiographs are recommended for further assessment of cardio-pulmonary status as well as to further evaluate for any evidence of metastatic disease, if not recently evaluated.

Fine needle aspirates of the splenic mass are recommended if patient's coagulation status is appropriate.



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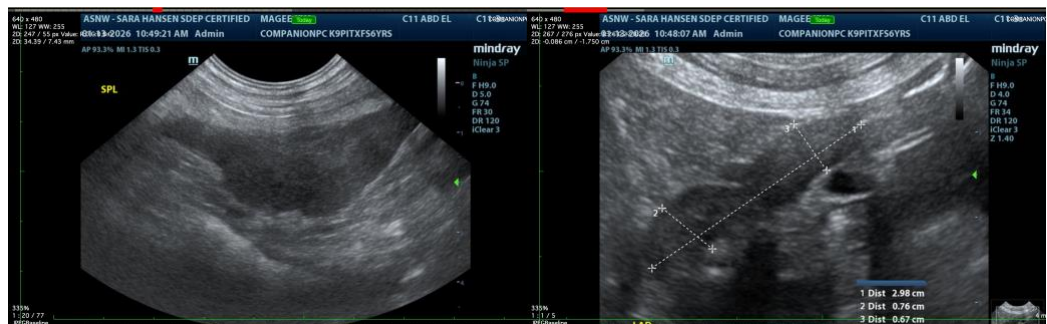
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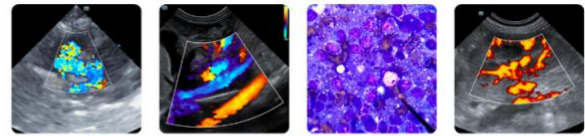
In the meantime, as the splenic mass is of unknown, if any, contribution to the patient's reported gastrointestinal signs:

- A routine fecal/Giardia exam is recommended.
- A gastrointestinal malabsorption panel (including cobalamin, folate, TLI and PLI) to Texas A&M GI Laboratory is recommended for further evaluation of GI and pancreatic function.
- A fecal enteropathogen PCR panel to Texas A&M GI Laboratory could be considered for further evaluation of possible infectious disease. Contact lab for recommendations on how long to discontinue antibiotics (if indicated) prior to obtaining a stool sample for submission.
- A baseline cortisol is recommended. If baseline cortisol is less than 2, a full ACTH stimulation test is recommended to rule out hypoadrenocorticism.

While continuing work up:

- Supportive/symptomatic medical management of clinical signs is recommended, including anti-emetics, gastroprotectants (+/- sucralfate, especially with any history of hematemesis), an appetite stimulant and fluid therapy if indicated, etc.
- Additionally, empirical deworming with a 5-day course of Panacur is recommended.
- A full course of empirical Helicobacter triple therapy could be considered.
- A probiotic, such a visbiome or proviable, may be helpful.
- Finally, if tolerated, a transition in diet could be considered, based on trial-and-error response with some options to consider including a gastrointestinal biome diet vs a hydrolyzed protein diet (sometimes several trials with different brands are necessary) vs an easy to digest, bland or low-fat diet vs other.





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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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