



**PATIENT**

Maizey Geissbuhler

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Labrador

**SEX**

Spayed Female

**AGE**

6.5 Years

**WEIGHT**

33 kg

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: Azotemia and hyperphosphatemia found on routine wellness bloodwork. UPC is 3. Not clinical.  
Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Creat 6.8, BUN 145, Phos 7.9, USG 1.015, UPC 3

**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.

Kidneys are normal in size and contour. A relatively uniform hyperechogenicity is observed with mildly decreased corticomedullary distinction. There is no pyelectasia noted and no mineral is observed. No overt masses/nodules are observed. The left kidney measures 5.86 cm. The right kidney measures 5.95 cm.

**Adrenal Glands**

Left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.36 cm at cranial pole and 0.53 cm at caudal pole), shape and overall architecture, echogenicity and echotexture. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

Right adrenal gland is normal in size (0.62 cm at caudal pole, cranial pole is not well visualized in these images), shape and overall architecture, echogenicity and echotexture. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

**Spleen**

Spleen is subjectively normal in size with a normal smooth capsular contour. Parenchyma is appropriately finely textured and homogenous with normal echogenicity relative to surrounding tissue (hyperechoic to liver). No focal nodules or masses are observed. Splenic vasculature appears normal.

**Liver**

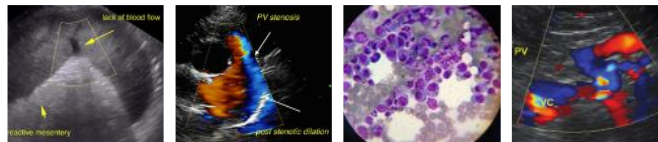
Liver is subjectively normal in size with normal smooth curvilinear peripheral contour. Parenchyma is appropriately hypoechoic to the spleen in echogenicity and appropriately mildly coarse and homogenous in echotexture. No focal lesions are observed. Visible vasculature and biliary tree appear normal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

Gallbladder is moderately distended with anechoic bile as well as suspended and gravity dependent echogenic debris. The wall is smooth without visible thickening. There is no evidence of cystic or CBD dilation. There is no evidence of effusion or inflammation.

**Gastrointestinal**

The visible stomach wall is normal in thickness and layering. The lumen of the stomach is mildly distended with echogenic non-shadowing luminal contents and gas consistent with normal ingesta. There is no evidence of obstruction, foreign material or infiltrative disease. Pyloric outflow tract appears patent.

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 and layering. Contents are consistent with normal formed feces and gas.

**Pancreas**

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The observed pancreas 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 evidence of peritoneal effusion. The mesenteric and medial iliac lymph nodes are prominent in size with swollen capsular contour. Normal elongated shape (length to width ratio) is maintained. There is no loss of parenchymal detail.

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**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

**Primary Findings**

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- Nephritis – This appearance can be consistent with chronic interstitial nephritis or glomerulonephritis. Toxic insult and/or infectious disease (pyelonephritis, Leptospirosis, etc.) cannot be ruled out. This finding should be interpreted in combination with suspicion for renal disease and/or supporting laboratory or urinalysis changes.

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- Reactive mesenteric and medial iliac lymph nodes – infiltrative neoplastic disease cannot be ruled out but is considered less likely.

**Secondary Findings**

- Mild gallbladder debris - Cholecystic debris is of unknown clinical significance. It can be seen with biliary stasis from fasting or illness. Cholecystic debris is not necessarily related to hepatobiliary disease. Echogenic bile is most commonly an incidental finding in dogs and should be interpreted in combination with clinical signs such as nausea, inappetence, cranial abdominal discomfort and/or laboratory changes such as increased ALP and/or increased Tbili.

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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If not recently evaluated, a urine culture is recommended to rule out an occult urinary tract infection. Additionally, a blood pressure is recommended if not recently evaluated.

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Testing for Leptospirosis is recommended.

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In the meantime, beginning medical management of protein-losing nephropathy and chronic kidney disease is recommended with a kidney diet, if tolerated, Ace-inhibitors and/or ARBs and if coagulation status is appropriate, antithrombotic, such as low dose aspirin or Plavix, as well as fatty acid therapy.

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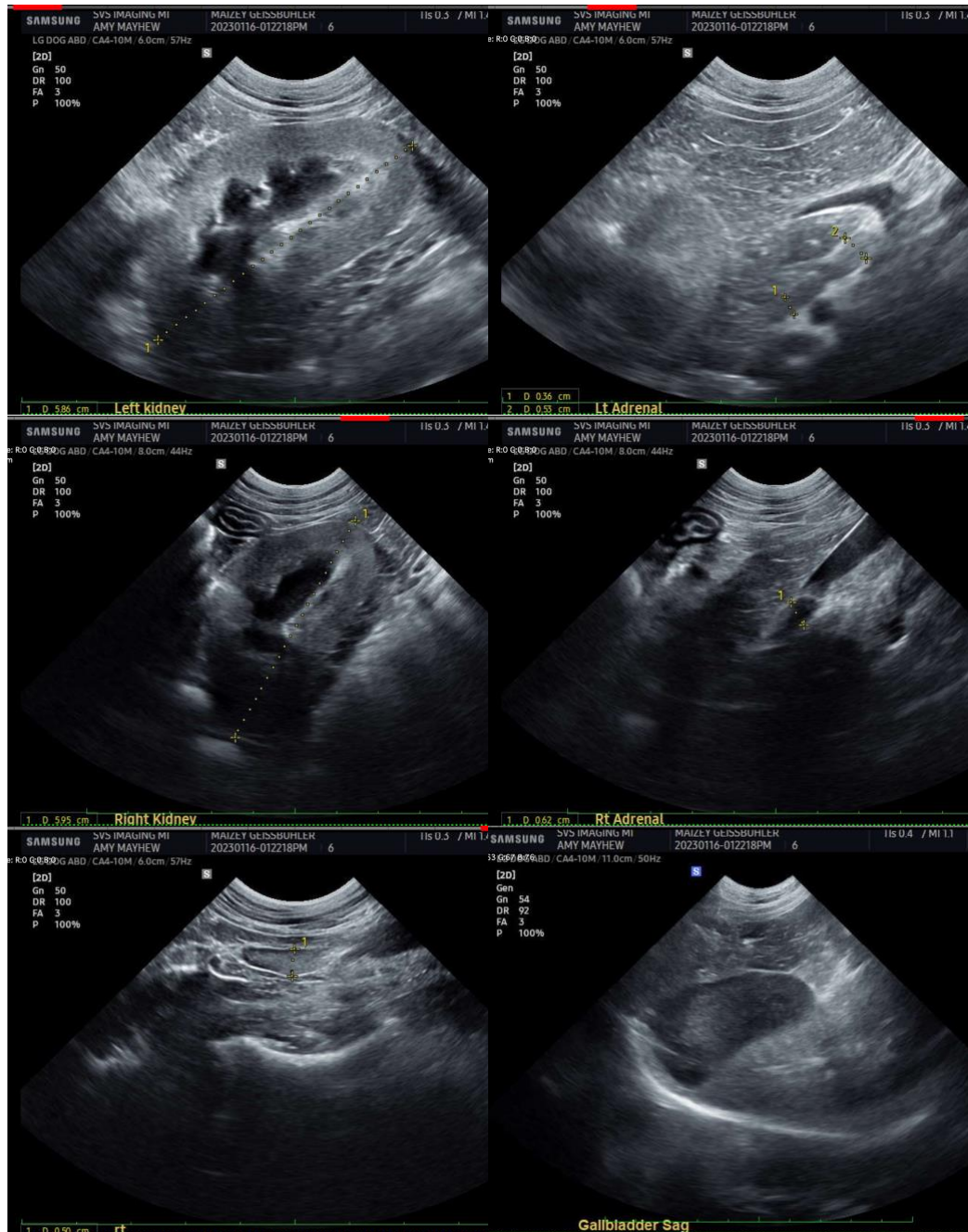
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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