



## PATIENT

Meika Herig

## SPECIES

Canine

## BREED

Aussie

## SEX

Spayed Female

## AGE

13

## WEIGHT

44.2

## INTERPRETED BY

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Jenn

## HOSPITAL NAME

Rockaway Animal  
Hospital

## REFERRING VET

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## PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Increased urination decreased appetite , diarrhea  
Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: ALT 130 Tbili 1.1 Lipase >2000

## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

### *Urinary System*

The urinary bladder is adequately distended with anechoic contents. No masses or inflammatory changes are observed. Multiple, too numerous to count cystoliths are noted. They are in piles and difficult to isolate for measurement, but one representative stone appears to measure approximately 0.56 cm in size. The urinary bladder, trigone and visible pelvic urethra are normal in thickness with a smooth mucosal surface.

Kidneys are overall normal in size and shape with smooth peripheral margination. A normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio is maintained. The medulla and cortices are uniform in texture with some mild increased cortical echogenicity and mild loss of corticomedullary distinction, expected in this age patient. There is no evidence of pyelectasia or infarcts observed. Left measures 5.82 cm. Right measures 5.18 cm. Punctate non-obstructive nephroliths are noted bilaterally.

### *Adrenal Glands*

The right adrenal gland is unable to be well visualized in these images.

The left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.62 cm at cranial pole and 0.62 cm at caudal pole), shape and overall architecture, echogenicity and echotexture. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

### *Spleen*

The spleen is subjectively normal in size (2.3 cm thick at the hilus) 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 enlarged with mildly irregular margins. Parenchyma is mildly heterogenous characterized by multiple poorly defined hypoechoic nodules within otherwise hyperechoic liver parenchyma. Additionally, in the left caudal liver is an approximately 1.4 cm in diameter anechoic density. Visible vasculature and biliary tree appear normal without distension or congestion

The 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 empty with 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 (< 0.2 cm) and layering. Contents are consistent with normal formed feces and gas.

**Pancreas**

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

There is no apparent pathologic lymphadenopathy noted in these images.

**PRIMARY FINDINGS**

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- An obvious cause for the subtle liver changes is not identified in these images. Microscopic disease such as Leptospirosis, bacterial cholangiohepatitis, chronic active hepatitis, copper-associated hepatotoxicity, other hepatotoxicity, other reactive hepatopathy, infiltrative neoplasia (considered unlikely), etc. cannot be definitively ruled out.

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- Large amount of urinary bladder cystoliths.

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**SECONDARY FINDINGS**

- Age related kidney changes with non-obstructive punctate nephroliths bilaterally.

**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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If not recently evaluated, a urinalysis and, if indicated based on urinalysis results, urine culture is recommended. If protein is present in an otherwise quiet sediment, protein quantification with a urine protein to creatinine ratio is recommended.

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Given patient's historical gastrointestinal signs, a routine fecal/giardia exam is recommended if not recently evaluated.

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.

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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.

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Mild acute non-visibly present but potentially emerging pancreatitis could be contributing to the reported laboratory changes or a concurrent hepatopathy can't be ruled out. Therefore, further workup, etc. is dependent on results of above combined with patient's response to supportive/symptomatic medical management, empirical therapies, clinical signs, etc.

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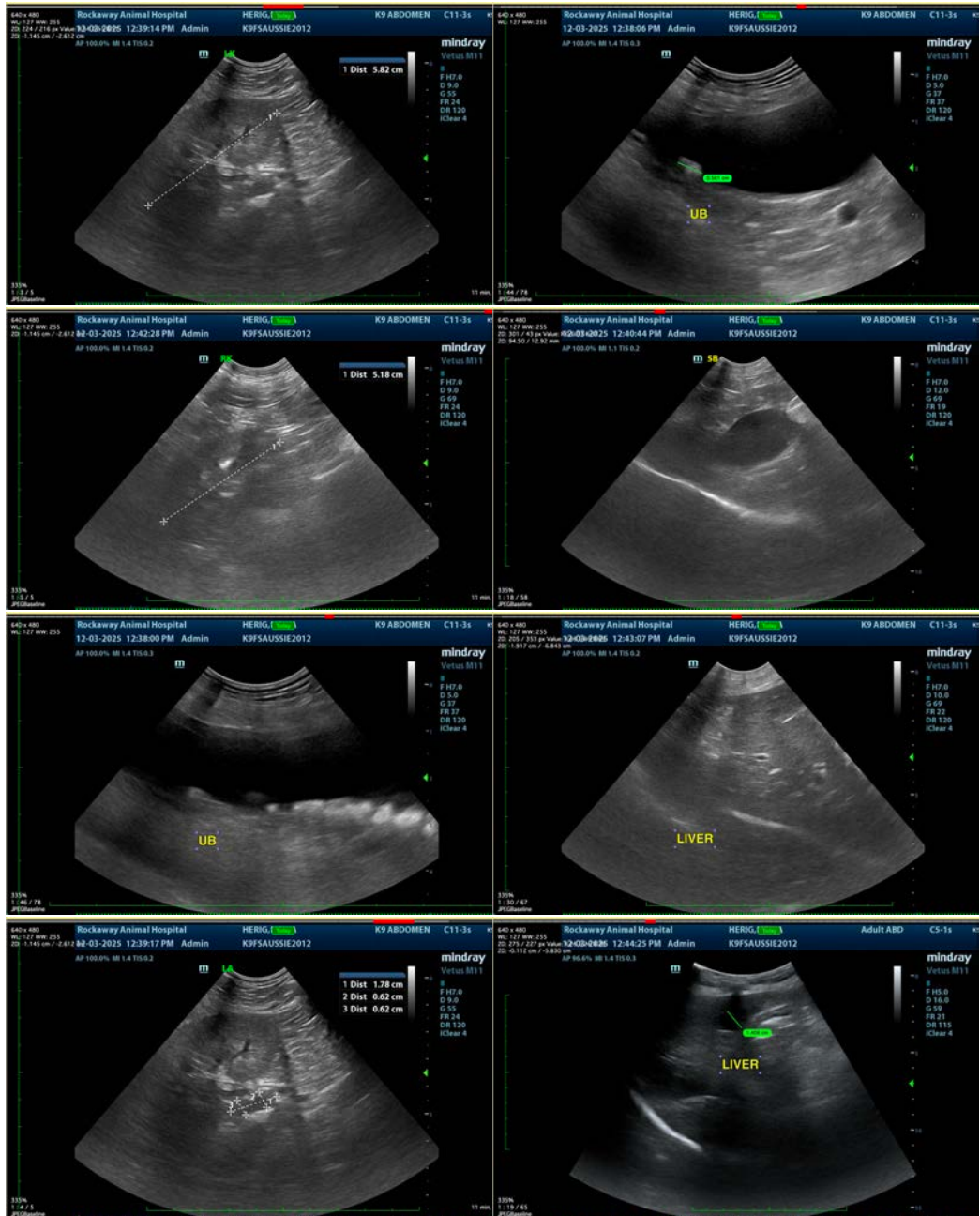
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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