



PATIENT

Bailey Grove

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Boston Terrier

SEX

Spayed Female

AGE

10 Years

WEIGHT

34 lbs

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Grade 3/6 murmur. Panting r/o cardiopulmonary disease, underlying endocrine disease (HAC), stress-induced, pain, other... Urine cortisol:creatinine ratio 51 (elevated)

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: CBC: MCH 21.8 <22.1 - 26.7 pg>, Reticulocyte Hemoglobin 23.1 <23.8 - 28.3 pg>, PLT 448 <120-412>, remaining values within reference range CHEM: GLUCOSE 59 <63-114>, SDMA *unable to determine d/t gross lipemia, Phosphorus 6.3 <2.5 - 6.1 mg/dL>, Chloride 106 <108 - 119 mmol/L>, ALP 751 <5 - 160 U/L>, CK 267 <10-200>, remaining values within reference range

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

The 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 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, mineral or infarcts observed. Left kidney measured 5.58 cm. Right kidney measured 5.94 cm.

Adrenal Glands

The right adrenal gland is normal in size (1.2 cm at cranial pole and 0.58 cm at caudal pole), shape and overall architecture, echogenicity and echotexture. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

The left adrenal gland is normal in size (0.48 cm at cranial pole and 0.58 cm at caudal pole), shape and overall architecture, echogenicity and echotexture. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

Spleen

Spleen is generally normal in size and shape with a smooth capsular contour. Parenchyma is diffusely nodular in appearance characterized by small discrete hypoechoic nodules. 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. 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 a small to moderate amount of echogenic non-shadowing luminal contents and gas



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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.

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

Pancreas

The area of the pancreas contains irregular hyperechoic pancreatic remodeling.

Free Abdomen

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

There is no apparent pathologic lymphadenopathy noted in these images.

PRIMARY FINDINGS

- Splenic micronodular hyperplasia pattern – This nodular change is often associated with benign aging nodular hyperplasia. Infiltrative neoplasia, however, including both early hemangiosarcoma as well as round cell neoplasia cannot be ruled out.
- Mildly heterogenous liver – These changes are most consistent with benign processes such as nodular hyperplasia, steroid (vacuolar) hepatopathy, extramedullary hematopoiesis or possibly chronic inflammatory disease and less commonly infiltrative round cell or metastatic neoplasia.
- Moderate 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.
- Hyperechoic pancreas – This finding is suggestive of pancreatic fibrosis, possibly secondary to chronic pancreatitis. A TLI is recommended to rule out exocrine pancreatic insufficiency (EPI), especially if clinical signs (weight loss, diarrhea, etc.) are present.

SECONDARY FINDINGS

- Moderate age related kidney changes.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

There is not a definitive ultrasonographically visible intraabdominal explanation for patient's reported panting, and as is reportedly already in place, further cardiopulmonary workup evaluation, evaluation for sources of pain include orthopedic, neurologic, spinal, etc. is recommended.

Additionally, rechecking the patient's reported hypoglycemia is recommended, as if it is a true value and persistent, further workup for hypoglycemia may be indicated.



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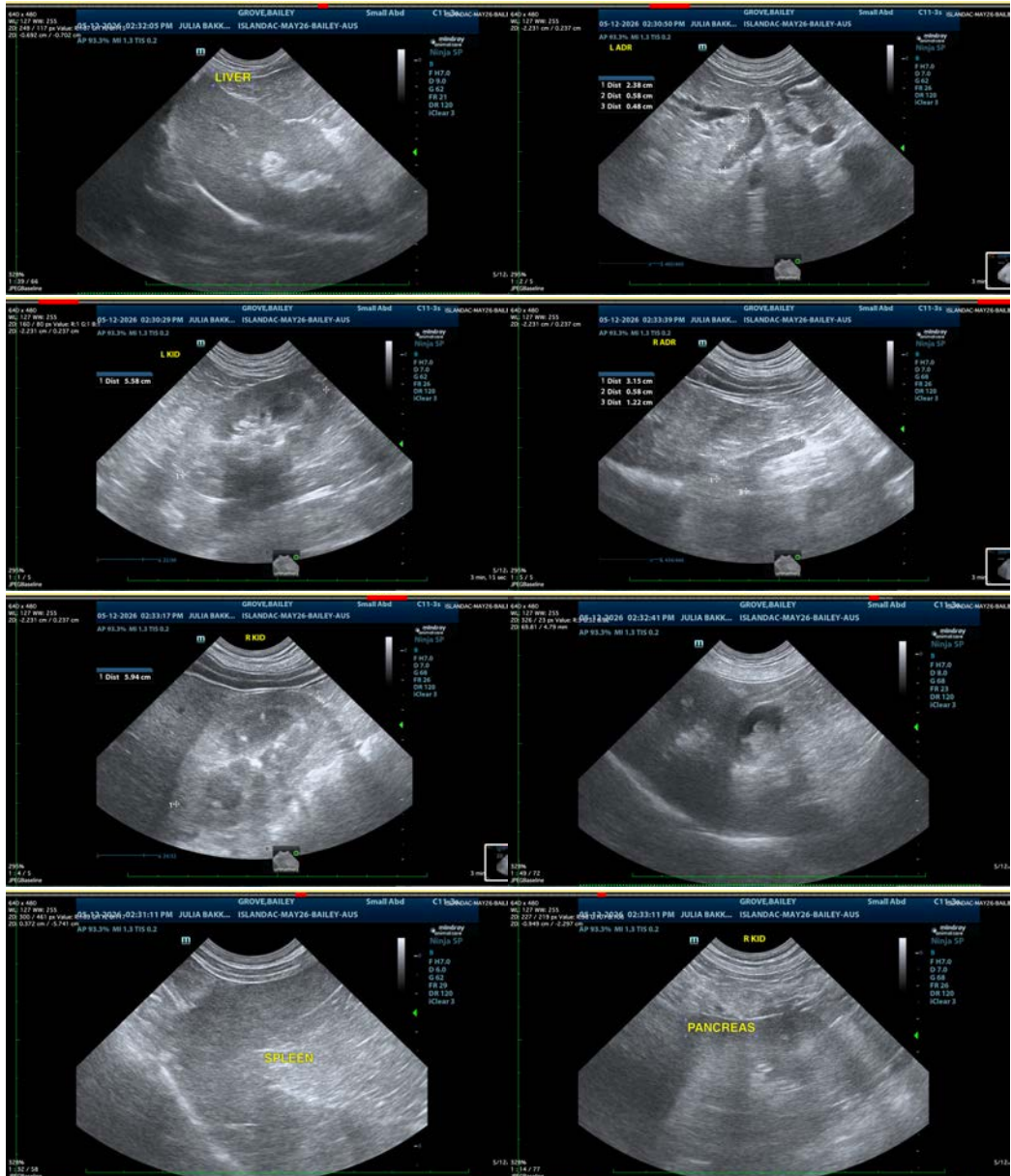
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In the meantime, given the changes described above, fine needle aspirates of the spleen +/- liver could be considered if patient's coagulation status is appropriate.

Given the pancreatic changes, 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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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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