



PATIENT

Trixie Parker

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Min Pin Mix

SEX

FS

AGE

12 years

WEIGHT

10.7

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Patient has history of lethargy and reduced appetite for several weeks. Patient has occasional diarrhea and occasional coughing.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Patient has historic ALKP elevation, takes zonisamide and phenobarbital for seizures. Mass palpable in cranial abdomen. Client is interested in surgical intervention if mass is associated with spleen and if no obvious metastatic lesions are observed.

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.

The right kidney is normal in size (4.2 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.

The left kidney is normal in size (3.3 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

The right adrenal gland is normal in size (0.75 cm at cranial pole and 0.56 cm at caudal pole), shape and overall architecture, echogenicity and echotexture. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

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

Spleen

The spleen contains an approximately 3.2 cm x 3.6 cm mildly mixed, largely hypoechoic, partially cystic/cavitated expansive mass in the mid spleen.

Liver

The 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 empty with no evidence of obstruction, foreign material or infiltrative disease. Pyloric outflow tract appears patent.



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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.

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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Free Abdomen

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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.

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PRIMARY FINDINGS

- The splenic mass could represent infiltrative neoplasia including sarcoma versus round cell neoplasia, versus other. Although, benign lesions such as cysts, hematomas, nodular hyperplasia, extramedullary hematopoiesis, etc. cannot be ruled out without tissue sampling.

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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

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 could be considered if patient's coagulation status is appropriate.

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Alternatively, or if a cytologic diagnosis is unable to be obtained, especially given the risk for hemorrhage from even a benign cavitated splenic mass, an exploratory laparotomy for planned splenectomy could be considered.

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There's not a definitive ultrasonographically visible evidence of intraabdominal metastatic disease present in these images at this time. Microscopic disease, of course, cannot be ruled out.

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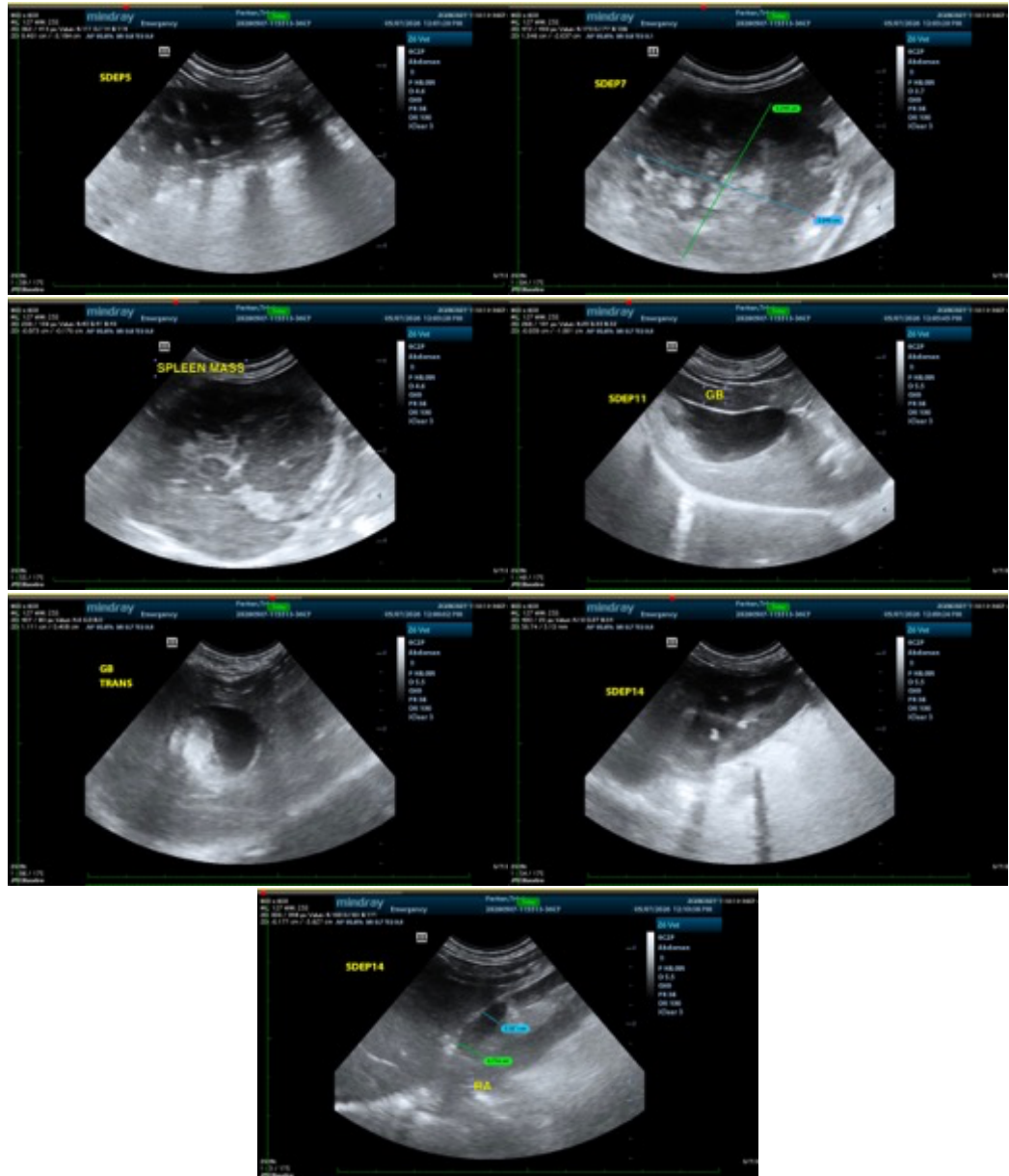
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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