



**PATIENT**

Kirby Koleck

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Beagle Mix

**SEX**

Male

**AGE**

13 Year

**WEIGHT**

50 Pounds

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: History of cystic lesion in liver on ultrasound 5/24/2022 (Invoice 13408). Recheck ultrasound looking for changes

**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.

Prostate (neutered) is normal in size, echotexture and echogenicity for a neutered male.

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. The left kidney measures 5.7 cm. The right kidney measures 7.2 cm.

**Adrenal Glands**

Left adrenal gland is normal in size (2.0 cm long X 0.66 cm at cranial pole and 0.63 cm at caudal pole), shape and overall architecture, echogenicity and echotexture. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

Right adrenal gland is normal in size (3.67 cm long X 0.7 cm at cranial pole and 0.62 cm at caudal pole), 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 enlarged (swollen contour). Mild parenchymal remodeling with diffusely mildly coarse architecture and increased portal markings is present. A hypoechoic nodule in the mid liver is noted, measuring 1.3 cm x 1.4 cm. The previously described cystic lesion is not noted, unless this hypoechoic nodule is the previous cystic lesion. 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 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. The capsule is mildly irregular in shape. Parenchyma is mildly heterogenous and coarse. There is no visible pancreatic duct dilation. There is no evidence of active peripancreatic inflammation.

**Free Abdomen**

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There is no evidence of peritoneal effusion. There is no apparent lymphadenopathy.

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

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**Primary Findings**

- Hypoechoic hepatomegaly. This appearance is consistent with an acute hepatopathy or acute cholangiohepatitis. Infiltrative neoplasia (round cell neoplasia) should also be considered. A discreet hypoechoic nodule is appreciated in the mid liver, differentials for which include likely benign nodular hyperplasia versus a slightly changed appearance to the previously described cystic lesion, differentials for which include cyst, hematoma, etc. If this is the same nodule, it is slightly smaller to static in size.

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**Secondary Findings**

- 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.
- Age-related kidney changes
- Age-related pancreatic remodeling

\*The urinary bladder debris appears improved from the previous ultrasound

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

The bulk of the previously described abnormalities are static to slightly improved. Continue current therapeutic and monitoring plan, unless clinical signs and/or laboratory values change/progress. If not already done, a fine needle aspirate of the liver could be considered to rule out infiltrative neoplastic disease, however, there is no change from the last ultrasound to indicate a more aggressive approach is necessary.



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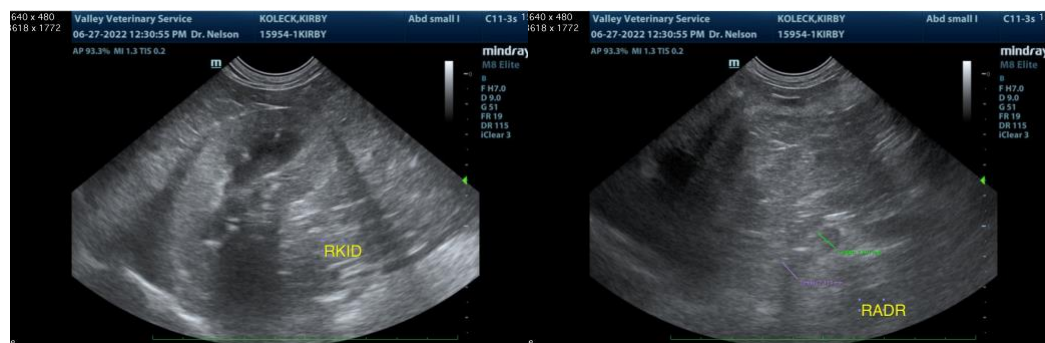
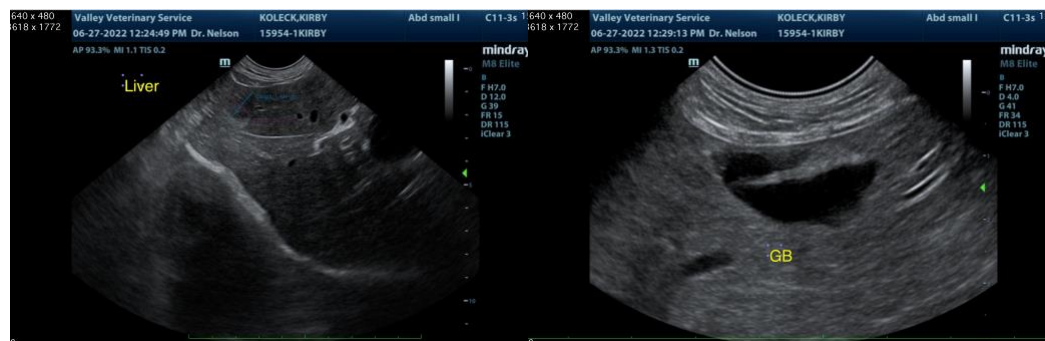
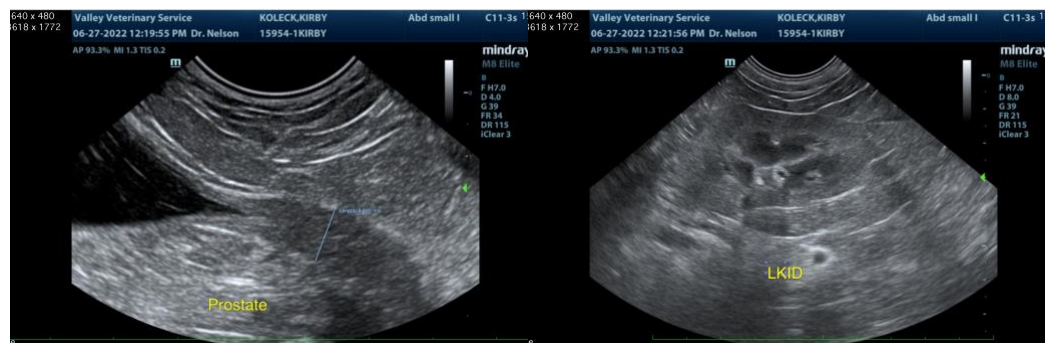
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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