



## PATIENT

Rudy Damon

## SPECIES

Canine

## BREED

Boxer

## SEX

MN

## AGE

10

## WEIGHT

65

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## PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Chronic elevations in blood work.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: SuperChem Elevtions: AST=192, ALT=1021, ALK PHOS= 2000 and T. bili= 4.2

## 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.

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

The right kidney is normal is size (7.19 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 is size (7.25 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

Adrenal glands are mildly plump in size. Normal shape and contour are maintained without evidence of capsular invasion. Corticomedullary structure is unremarkable. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal. Left adrenal measures 0.8 cm at the cranial pole and 0.7 cm at the caudal pole. Right adrenal measures 1.0 cm at the cranial pole and 0.7 cm at the caudal pole.

### Spleen

The 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). An approximately 2.4 cm x 3.0 cm mildly heterogenous, non-capsular disrupting, primarily hypoechoic nodule/mass is noted near the cranial aspect of the spleen. Splenic vasculature appears normal.

### Liver

Liver is subjectively enlarged (swollen contour) with a diffusely mildly coarse architecture and subtly increased portal markings. Mildly mixed echogenic changes are noted diffusely. There is one subtle hypoechoic nodule mid-liver measuring approximately 1.0 cm in diameter. 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 except for the appearance of an approximately 1.8 cm x 2.7 cm homogenous, echogenic, vascular density that appears to be a tissue density/nodule or mass extending from the wall. Otherwise, luminal contents are primarily anechoic. There is no evidence of cystic or common bile duct dilation.



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**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 or foreign material noted. Pyloric outflow tract appears patent.

The visible small intestine demonstrates areas of moderate to severely thick muscularis layer relative to mucosa (disruption of the normal 1:3 muscularis:mucosa ratio). Small intestinal submucosa is slightly irregular, thick and hyperechoic, without evident loss of layering appreciated. The lumen of the small intestine is empty with no evidence of obstruction or foreign material.

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

**Pancreas**

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.

**Free Abdomen**

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

**PRIMARY FINDINGS**

- The vascularity of the gallbladder density is concerning for tissue, in which case a benign polyp or infiltrative neoplastic/malignant mass are both differentials and cannot be definitively differentiated without tissue sampling.
- 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, etc. cannot be definitively ruled out.
- The splenic mass could represent an unrelated benign process such as a cyst, hematoma, nodular hyperplasia, extramedullary hematopoiesis, other. Although an infiltrative neoplastic lesion including primary neoplasia, metastatic lesion, other can't be ruled out without tissue sampling.
- Moderate inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) pattern – Thick muscularis has been reported with infiltrative bowel disease including both benign inflammatory disease as well as infiltrative neoplasia such as lymphoma. No loss of layering or distinct characteristics of malignancy are present. Therefore, differentials cannot be further ranked without tissue sampling.

**SECONDARY FINDINGS**

- Subtle/mild bilateral adrenomegaly – In a patient diagnosed with hyperadrenocorticism, this finding is most consistent with adrenal hyperplasia secondary to pituitary dependent hyperadrenocorticism. This finding can also be seen with stress and/or normal patient variant.



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Interpret in combination with clinical signs of hyperadrenocorticism and/or other adrenal disease.

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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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.

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Fine needle aspirates of the splenic mass, the liver, as well as the gallbladder mass could be considered if patient's coagulation status is appropriate.

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A gastrointestinal malabsorption panel (including cobalamin, folate, TLI and PLI) to Texas A&M Laboratory is recommended for further evaluation of GI and pancreatic function.

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If a cytologic diagnosis is unable to be obtained, ultimately, an exploratory laparotomy for further evaluation and biopsy of gallbladder mass/cholecystectomy, liver biopsy, splenectomy +/- biopsies of the diffuse bowel changes, etc. could be considered.

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Other than supportive/symptomatic medical management of clinical signs, further diagnostic and treatment recommendations are largely dependent on results of the above.

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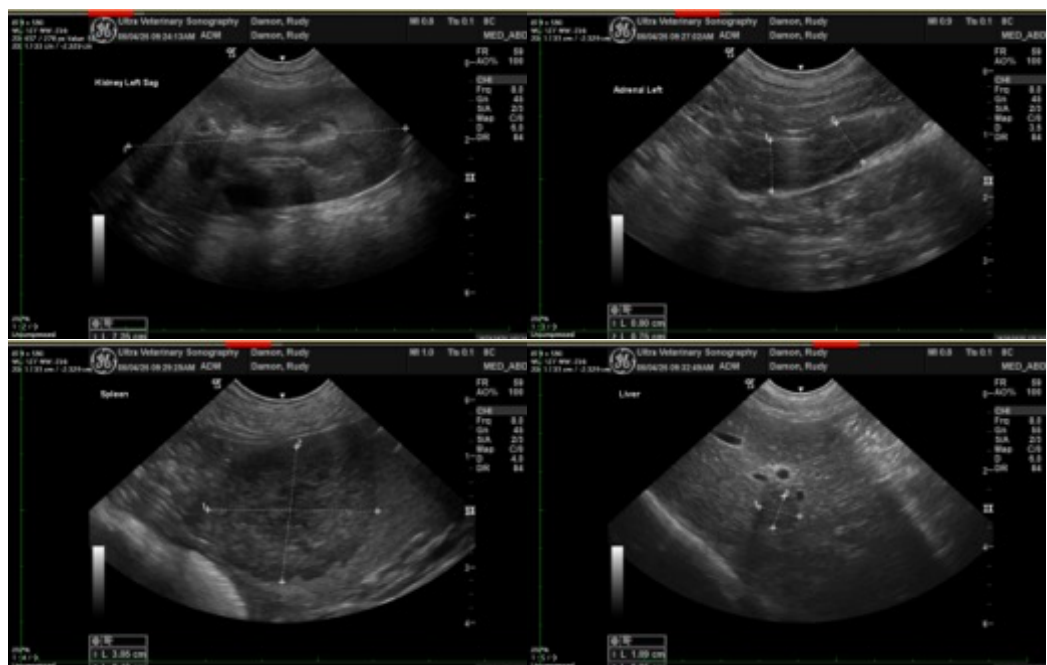
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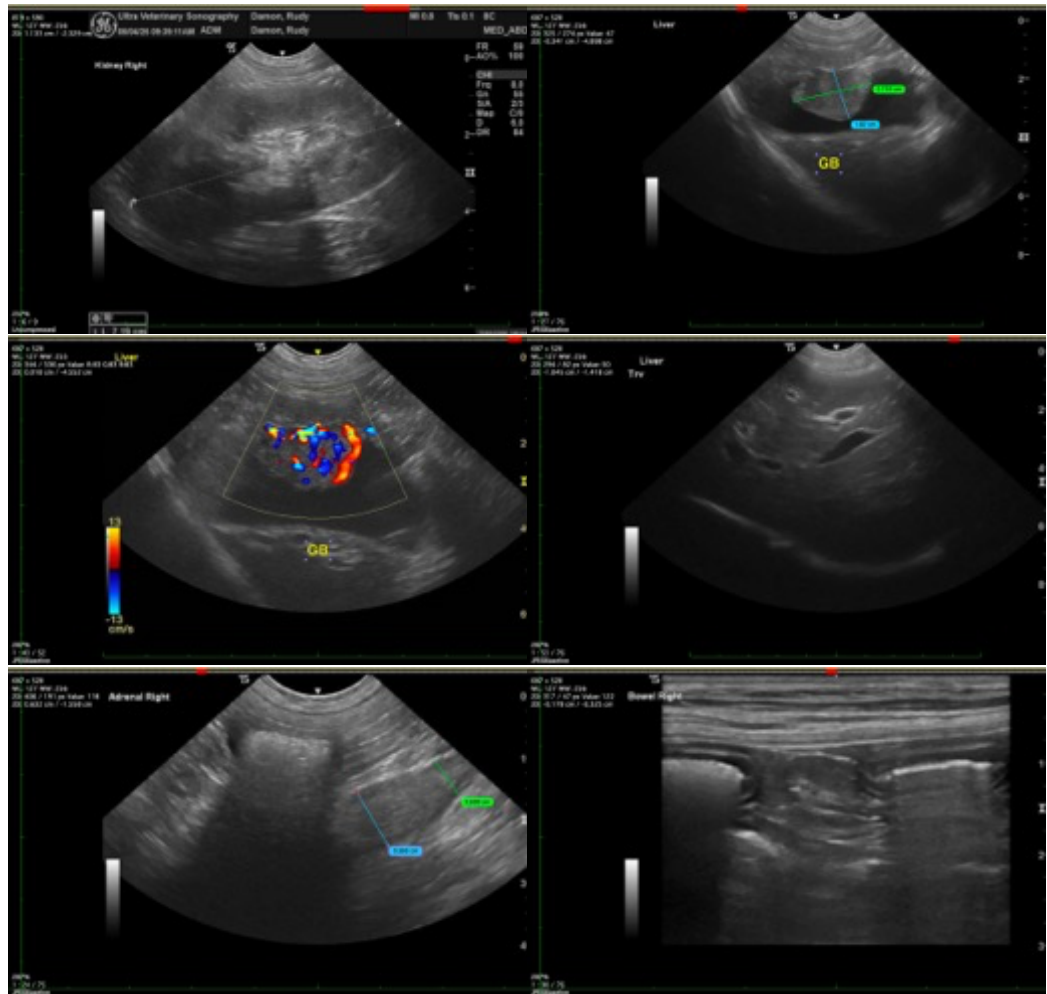
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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