



**PATIENT**

Alfin Bengochea

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Boston Terrier

**SEX**

Spayed Female

**AGE**

11 Years

**WEIGHT**

19.5 Pounds

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: P developed acute onset of hematuria while boarding at our facility. No v/d/c/s. Appetite normal prior to boarding, slightly decreased last 2 days of boarding.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: On PE petechia was noted on lips, gums and groin region. CBC: plt ct: 14,000, Chem: WNL, UA: gross hematuria, results pending, fecal NPS. Chest and And rads are unremarkable.

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**Urinary System**

Urinary bladder is adequately distended. It has a normal uniform wall thickness. Contents include primarily anechoic fluid with occasional echogenic non-shadowing debris, most consistent with exfoliated cells, mucous and/or small blood clots. Both sterile inflammation as well as urinary tract infection can also present with echogenic debris. No masses or cystoliths are observed. The trigone and visible pelvic urethra are normal in thickness with a smooth mucosal surface.

Left kidney is normal is size (5.08 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.

Right kidney is normal is size (4.11 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 or infarcts observed. Nonobstructive nephrolithiasis was present in the right kidney.

**Adrenal Glands**

Left adrenal gland is normal in size (1.49 cm long x 0.72 cm thick), shape and overall architecture, echogenicity and echotexture. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

Right adrenal gland is normal in size (1.9 cm long x 0.82 cm thick), shape and overall architecture, echogenicity and echotexture. Visible surrounding vasculature appears normal.

**Spleen**

The spleen contains a 3.0 cm x 3.5 cm cavitated splenic mass, that results in capsular expansion.

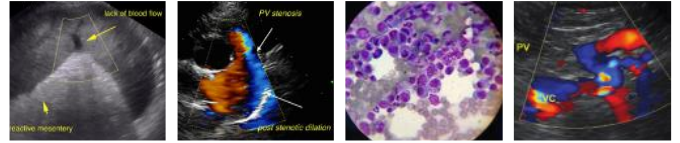
**Liver**

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 mildly distended with very echogenic reverberation artifact from intraluminal gas. There is no evidence of



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obstruction, foreign material or infiltrative disease; however, complete visualization of far wall is partially inhibited by gas. 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 mildly distended with echogenic non-shadowing luminal contents and gas consistent with normal ingesta. There is 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.

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**Pancreas**

The observed pancreas 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**

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

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

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**Primary Findings**

- Cavitated splenic mass- differentials for which include both benign hematoma, extramedullary hematopoiesis, etc., especially given the reported thrombocytopenia, as well as infiltrative neoplasia, such as hemangiosarcoma.

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**Secondary Findings**

- Urinary bladder debris- this is most consistent with blood, given the reported hematuria and thrombocytopenia.
- Nonobstructive nephroliths in the right kidney
- 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.
- Ideally, a fine needle aspirate of the spleen or even splenectomy would be obtained to give a definitive histologic diagnosis from the splenic mass, however, given the thrombocytopenia, these procedures may not be possible. Therefore, other options include potentially a bone marrow cytology to look for evidence of infiltrative neoplasia with less risk for hemorrhage versus treating presumed immune mediated thrombocytopenia (either primary or secondary) with immunosuppressive therapy, as well as potentially vincristine, etc. and then proceeding

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with diagnostics when it is safe to do so.

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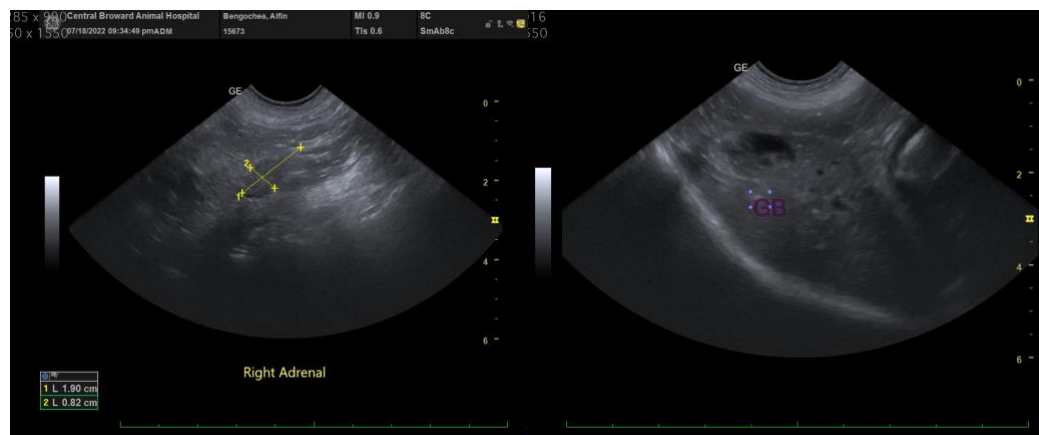
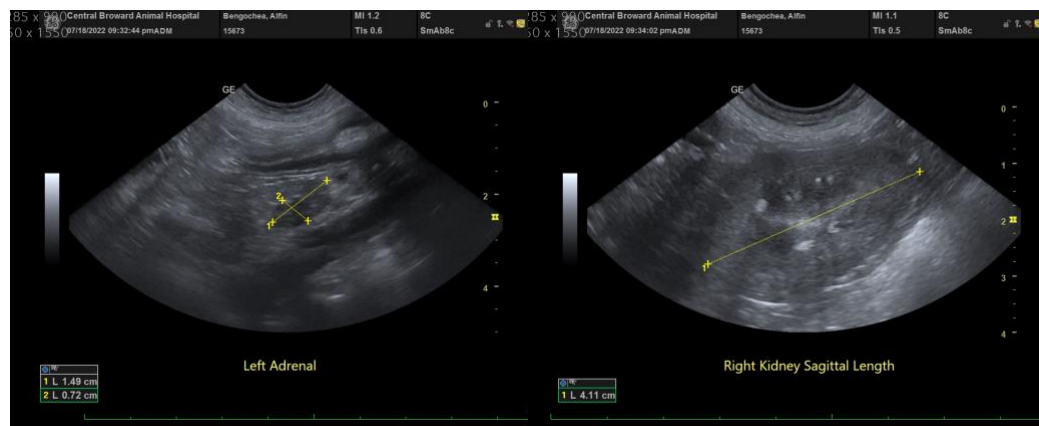
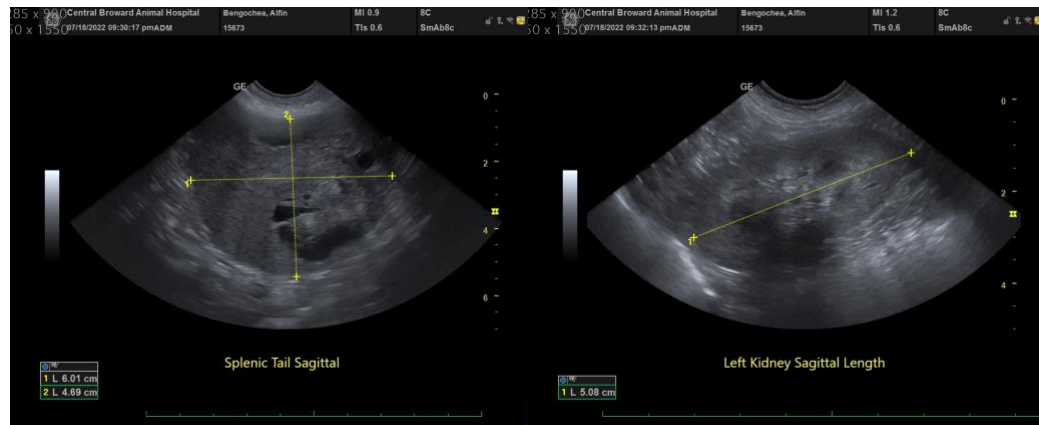
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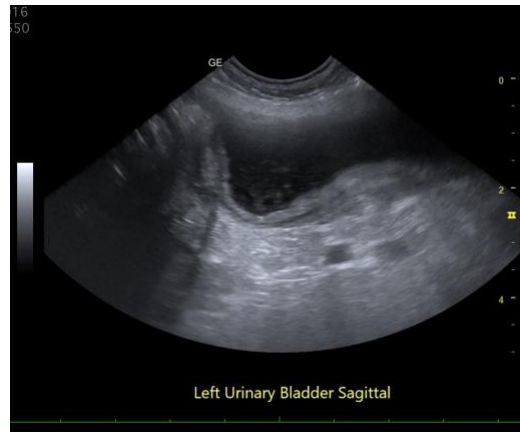
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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