



PATIENT

Emma Penner

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Mini Aussie

SEX

Spayed Female

AGE

10 Years

WEIGHT

12 kg

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Change in behavior since injuring her leg in July 2025. Will Stare off into space, lethargic. IS eating and drinking ok. Significant dental disease. Increased liver values on bloodwork. No weight loss. Had a UTI 10-8-25, course of clavaseptin and resolved Current Medications Aventi liver

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Increased K 5.7 (hemolysis present) decreased NaK 26 decreased CI 105 Increased TP, albumin ALT 546 AST 88 ALP 177 TBILI WNL Increased cholesterol 13.7 increased lipase 290 increased creatine kinase 597

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

The urinary bladder, trigone, and visible pelvic urethra were of normal thickness. The ureters were not visible which is normal. There was normal wall layering with no masses, uroliths or abnormal thickening visualized. Urine was anechoic. No evidence of inflammatory or neoplastic changes were noted.

The kidneys were both normal size and structure, with smooth capsule and normal corticomedullary definition and ratio. Medullary structure differed distinctly from that of the cortex. No evidence of pelvic dilation was present. Left kidney measures 4.89 cm. Right kidney measures 4.79 cm.

Adrenal Glands

Both adrenal glands were visualized and recognized as having normal shape, size, position and echogenicity for this breed and age. The visible phrenic vasculature was unremarkable. Left measures 1.88 cm in length x 0.49 cm at the caudal pole and 0.69 cm at the cranial pole. Right measures 1.88 cm in length x 0.67 cm at the caudal pole and 1.37 cm at the cranial pole.

Spleen

The spleen was normal with age appropriate homogeneous parenchyma and a smooth capsule with normal splenic vasculature with no signs of congestion or thrombosis. No sonographic evidence of acute or chronic inflammatory, neoplastic, or infarct changes were noted.

Liver

The liver is subjectively of normal in size with generally normal borders. Parenchyma is diffusely abnormal with a generally coarse, hyperechoic appearance. There are multifocal variably sized hypoechoic nodules noted throughout the parenchyma. There are no specific masses seen.

Gall bladder is moderately distended with normal wall thickness and anechoic contents. Common bile duct is non-distended and tapers normally.

Gastrointestinal

The stomach contains minimal luminal contents. It measures at a normal thickness of with some variability due to the presence of rugal folds. The distinction of the gastric wall layers is adequate. No masses or focal lesions were observed.

The visualized areas of duodenum, jejunum and ileum have a relatively uniform diameter with minimal fluid distension. Wall thickness is normal. Bowel loops follow a curvilinear path with distinct wall



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layering maintaining the typical 1:3 muscularis:mucosa layer ratio. There were no focal lesions consistent with obstruction or a mass effect observed.

The ileocecal junction was not visualized. Sections of colon are visualized with formed fecal material and gas shadowing distally. There is no observed focal or generalized colon wall thickening or loss of layering.

Pancreas

The area of the pancreas was isoechoic to surrounding tissue with no overt inflammation. Pancreatic tissue was not distinctly visualized which is common.

Lymph Nodes

No clinically significant lymphadenopathy or abnormalities noted.

Free Abdomen

No masses or free fluid were noted.

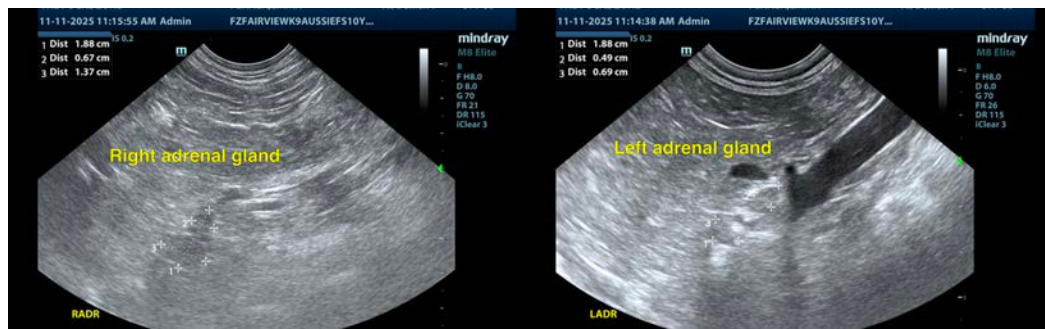
ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Diffusely nodular and coarse liver.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Liver changes may represent reactive, regenerative or inflammatory changes, or infiltrative disease (lymphoma, MCT, other). They are likely at least partially chronic in nature but may represent an acute on chronic hepatopathy. Evaluation of a bile acid profile is recommended to further define the degree of liver dysfunction. Liver FNA is recommended to further characterize parenchymal changes. Ultimately liver biopsy is often required for more definitive diagnosis. Empiric treatments (SAM-E, milk thistle, Vitamin E, ursodiol) could be tried and liver enzymes re-evaluated, especially if liver FNA does not show significant pathology before more invasive liver sampling is pursued. Empiric antibiotic therapy is not unreasonable given severity of elevations and antibiotics that are effective against gram-negative, aerobic, enteric bacteria and excreted into the bile are recommended. Amoxicillin, amoxicillin-clavulanic acid, cephalosporins, and fluoroquinolones are suggested first choices. Metronidazole (7.5 mg/kg PO, IV q 12 hrs) may be added for extra anaerobe coverage.

Reported clinical signs may not be related to liver disease, and pending liver aspirate results, a neurologic consultation should be considered.





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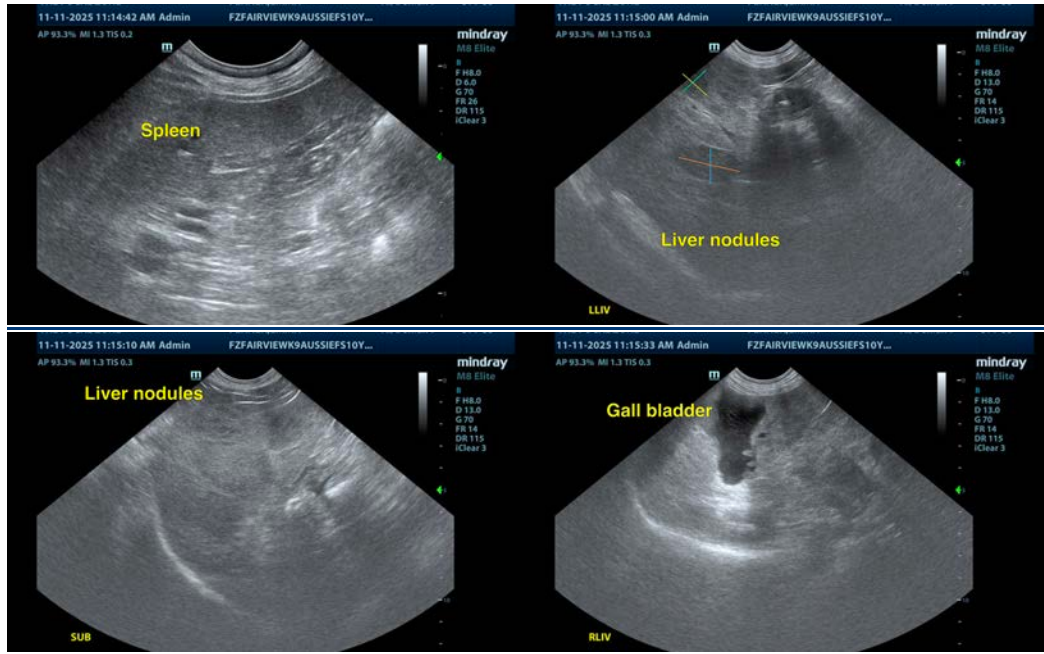
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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