



**PATIENT**

Aura Johns

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Mixed

**SEX**

Spayed Female

**AGE**

11 Years

**WEIGHT**

85.2 pounds

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

- ABNORMAL Labwork Values: Collected 12/19 Diagnostics: UA - color red tinged/blood - sent to ref lab. CBC - WNL. IOF - ALB 4.0 (2.2-3.9), ALT 214 (10-125), TP 8.4 (5.2-8.2) \*\*hemolyzed sample
- Current Medications: Piroxicam 10mg tablets - Give 1 1/4 tablet by mouth every 24 hours for 30 days. Apoquel 16 mg

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

*Urinary System*

The urinary bladder was visualized at both the beginning and end of the study. There was no visible luminal urine. Walls appeared to have normal thickness given empty status of the urinary bladder. No specific masses or nodules were seen. There was no shadowing consistent with luminal cystoliths.

The right kidney has a smooth capsule and with mild hazing of corticomedullary definition. No evidence of pelvic dilation was present. Hyperechoic, shadowing foci present in renal parenchyma and calyces consistent with nephrocalcinosis. The right kidney measured 7.72 cm in length.

The left kidney has a smooth capsule and with mild hazing of corticomedullary definition. No evidence of pelvic dilation was present. Hyperechoic, shadowing foci present in renal parenchyma and calyces consistent with nephrocalcinosis. The left kidney measured 7.12 cm in length.

*Adrenal Glands*

The left adrenal gland was visualized and recognized as having normal shape, size, position and echogenicity for this breed and age. The visible phrenic vasculature was unremarkable. The left adrenal gland measured 2.61 cm in length and 0.66 cm at the caudal pole and 0.60 cm at the cranial pole.

The right adrenal gland was visualized on still image only. It appears to have normal shape, size, position and echogenicity for this breed and age though this could not be confirmed on cine loops. The right adrenal gland measured 3.42 cm in length and 0.69 cm at the caudal pole and 0.83 cm at the cranial pole.

*Spleen*

The spleen was normal in size with a mottled parenchyma and smooth capsule. Normal splenic vasculature with no signs of congestion or thrombosis. No specific nodules or masses were seen.

*Liver*

The liver is subjectively normal in size with normal contours and structure. There is age-appropriate echogenicity and echotexture. No overt structural evidence of inflammatory, infiltrative or regenerative pathology is evident. Vascular and biliary tracts are of normal volume with no evidence of congestion.

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

*Gastrointestinal*



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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.

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

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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.

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***Pancreas***

The visible pancreas was observed to be largely isoechoic to surrounding omental fat.

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***Lymph Nodes***

No clinically significant lymphadenopathy or abnormalities noted.

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***Free Abdomen***

No masses or free fluid were noted.

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**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

- Normal liver.
- Empty urinary bladder.
- Slightly mottled spleen.

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

Urinary bladder wall thickening is likely pseudohypertrophy secondary to low volume of urine and lack of luminal distension, however, true mural thickening cannot be definitively ruled out. Re-examination when urinary bladder lumen volume is increased with time and/or fluid therapy should be considered if clinical suspicion for urinary bladder disease is high. Urine cadet BRAF test could be considered to screen for TCC if clinically indicated though no focal areas of urinary bladder thickening were visualized.

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Splenic changes are a common benign age-related change, but infiltrative disease (lymphoma, MCT, other) cannot be definitively ruled out. No significant disruption of architecture noted to suggest significant pathology. Fine needle aspirate could be considered to further characterize parenchymal changes if clinically indicated, especially if any weight loss is noted or for baseline cytological assessment.

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The liver parenchyma appears normal and there is no ultrasonographic explanation for the elevated liver enzymes in this patient. There is no significant disruption of architecture noted to suggest significant pathology. Low grade inflammatory hepatopathy/reactive hepatopathy is a likely cause of LE elevations. Fine needle aspirate could be considered and bile acid profile to assess liver function especially if liver values continue to increase. Ultimately liver biopsy is often required for more definitive diagnosis. Empiric treatments (SAM-E, milk thistle, Vitamin E, ursodiol if bilirubin elevated or



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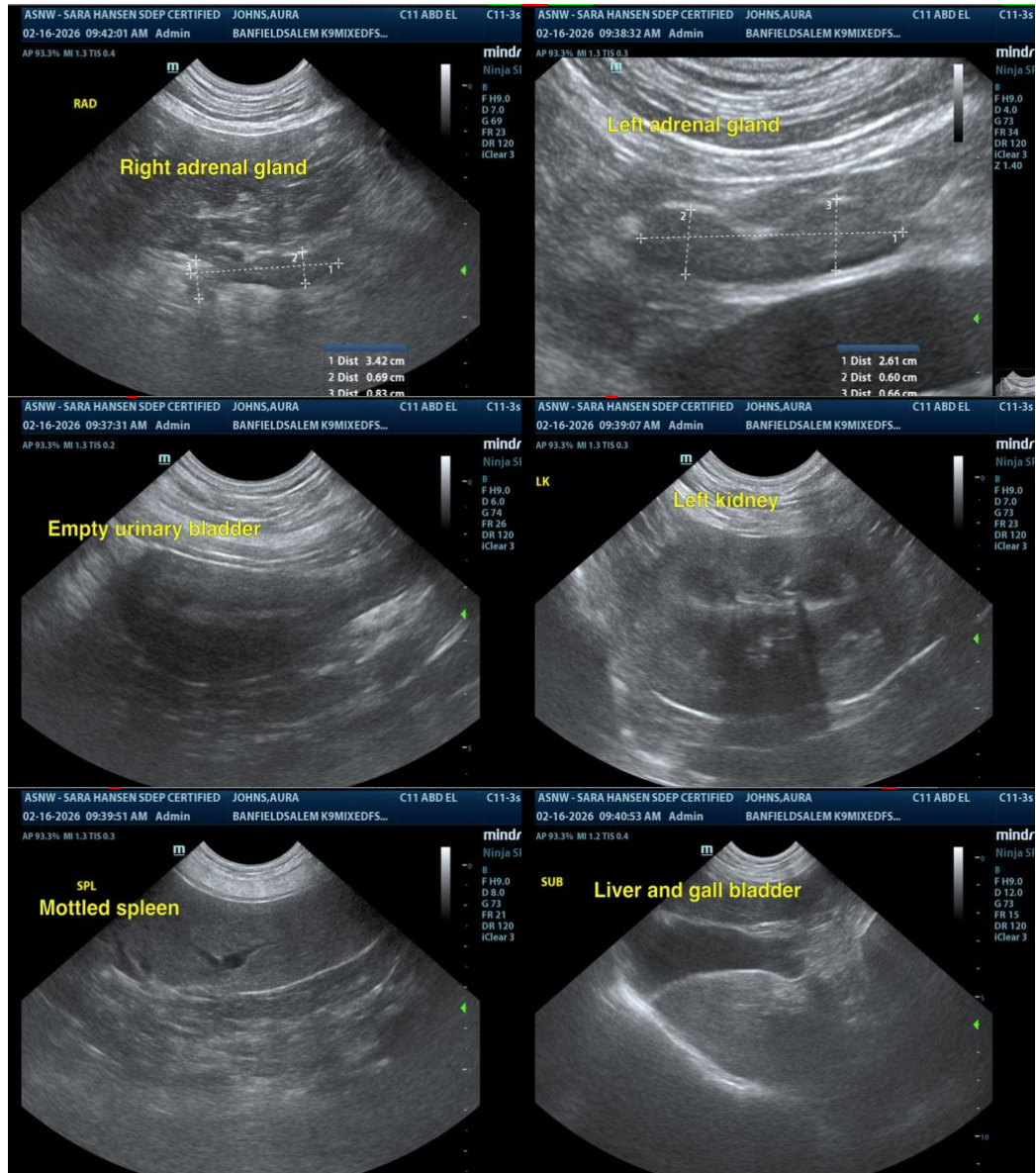
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gall bladder sludge) could be tried and liver enzymes re-evaluated, especially if liver FNA does not show significant pathology before more invasive liver sampling is pursued.





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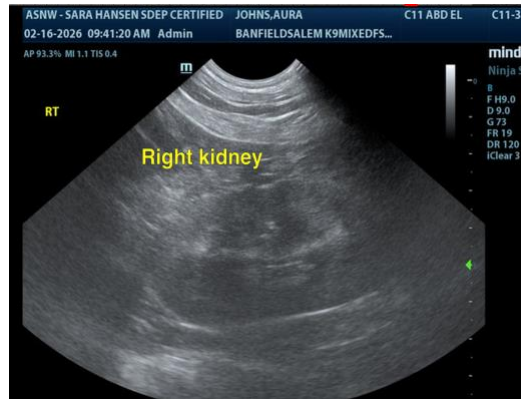
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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