



## PATIENT

Peanut Martinez

## SPECIES

Canine

## BREED

Corgi

## SEX

Neutered male

## AGE

10 years

## WEIGHT

32.6 lbs

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## PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: Peanut presented for evaluation of ongoing gastrointestinal and urinary issues, including loose stools, increased thirst, urinary leakage, and lethargy, which have been present since a dental procedure on 11/5.

Physical exam is unremarkable. 12/23/25 CBC: Neuts 10,474 (3,004-9,741), Monos 966 (145-736), Plts 425k (120-412k). Chem 27: ALT 252 (18-121) UA: USG 1.017, pH 5.0, quiet sediment T4: 2.3 Fecal: negative 10/29/25 CBC: Plts 419k (120-412k) Chem21: NA 140 (142- 152), CI 106 (108-119), ALT 130 (18-121) 9/6/25 - ALT was 123, AST was 61

## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

### Urinary System

The **urinary bladder**, trigone, and pelvic urethra presented normal thicknesses and normal tone. The ureters were not visible which is normal. No uroliths or sediment were visualized and anechoic urine was present. No evidence of inflammatory or neoplastic changes was noted. Ureteral papillae were normal.

The **kidneys** revealed largely normal size and structure, corticomedullary definition and ratio (cortex 1/3 of medulla) were essentially maintained with some age-related loss of curvilinear patterns regarding the capsule and C/M junction. The cortices presented largely uniform texture with some increased echogenicity expected for this age patient. Medullary structure differed distinctly from that of the cortex and no evidence of pelvic dilation was present. The left kidney measured 5.0 cm. The right kidney measured 6.0 cm.

The residual prostate measured 1.0 cm.

### Adrenal Glands

Both **adrenal glands** were visualized and recognized as having normal shape, size, position and echogenicity for this breed. The phrenic vasculature, glandular echogenicity and detail were unremarkable. Capsule, cortex, and medullary definition were normal for this age patient. The right adrenal gland measured 2.8 x 0.78 cm at the cranial pole and 0.43 cm at the caudal pole. The left adrenal gland measured 2.05 x 0.68 cm at the cranial pole and 0.53 cm at the caudal pole.

### Spleen

The **spleen** presented a smooth homogeneous parenchyma hyperechoic to liver and renal cortical parenchyma. The capsule was smooth without noticeable expansion or deviation from within the spleen or adjacent pathology. The splenic vasculature demonstrated normal volume without signs of congestion or thrombosis. No sonographic evidence of acute or chronic inflammatory, neoplastic, or infarctual changes was noted.



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### *Liver*

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The left lateral **liver** revealed a minor, focal swelling. This is consistent with hepatoma and measured 4.9 cm. Ultrasound-guided FNA is recommended to confirm a benign change. Parenchymal echogenicity was naturally coarse and hypoechoic to the spleen. Vascular and biliary tracts were of normal volume with no evidence of congestion. Minor coalesced bile was noted. There was no evidence of mucocele formation.

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### *Gastrointestinal*

Examination of the **gastrointestinal tract** revealed a stomach and intestine free of stasis, of normal wall thickness, acceptable curvilinear mural detail, and peristaltic activity. Small and large intestine demonstrated normal luminal chyme and stool consistency respectively. No obstructive or overt infiltrative disease was noted. No associated abnormal lymphatic activity was noted.

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### *Pancreas*

The base and limbs of the **pancreas** were observed to be largely isoechoic to surrounding omental fat. Pancreatic duct and capsular contour were acceptably normal and parenchyma respected normal curvilinear patterns. No overt evidence of active inflammatory or neoplastic disease was noted.

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## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

Minor focal left lateral liver swelling.

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FNA of the general liver and hepatomatous type lesion would be indicated to further define any inflammatory cell type. However, structurally the GI tract appeared unremarkable as did the lower urinary tract. Urine culture and empirical treatment for UTI is indicated. This is likely reactive hepatopathy. Diet change is recommended to treat dietary intolerance and parasite management is all indicated.

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The hepatic clinical sonographic presentation is most consistent with Reactive Hepatopathy which is the most common cause of liver enzyme elevation in dogs and cats. The presumption is that gut and other organ antigen stimuli may be causing a low-grade immune response through portal system with which the liver is reacting to causing low-grade enzyme elevations. US-guided FNA could be performed to assess if low grade lymphoplasmacytic inflammation is present that would support this theory. If FNA is performed, please ask the cytologist to emphasize the primary inflammatory cell type. Empirical treatment measures to address this issue can include diet change to hydrolyzed diet, probiotics, deworming, nutraceuticals (SAmE, Actigall...), dental exam and cleaning, and potentially antibiotics such as Clavamox. Metronidazole and Tylosin have traditionally been utilized for this purpose but new studies show that both these antibiotics can disrupt the normal intestinal bacterial flora (intestinal

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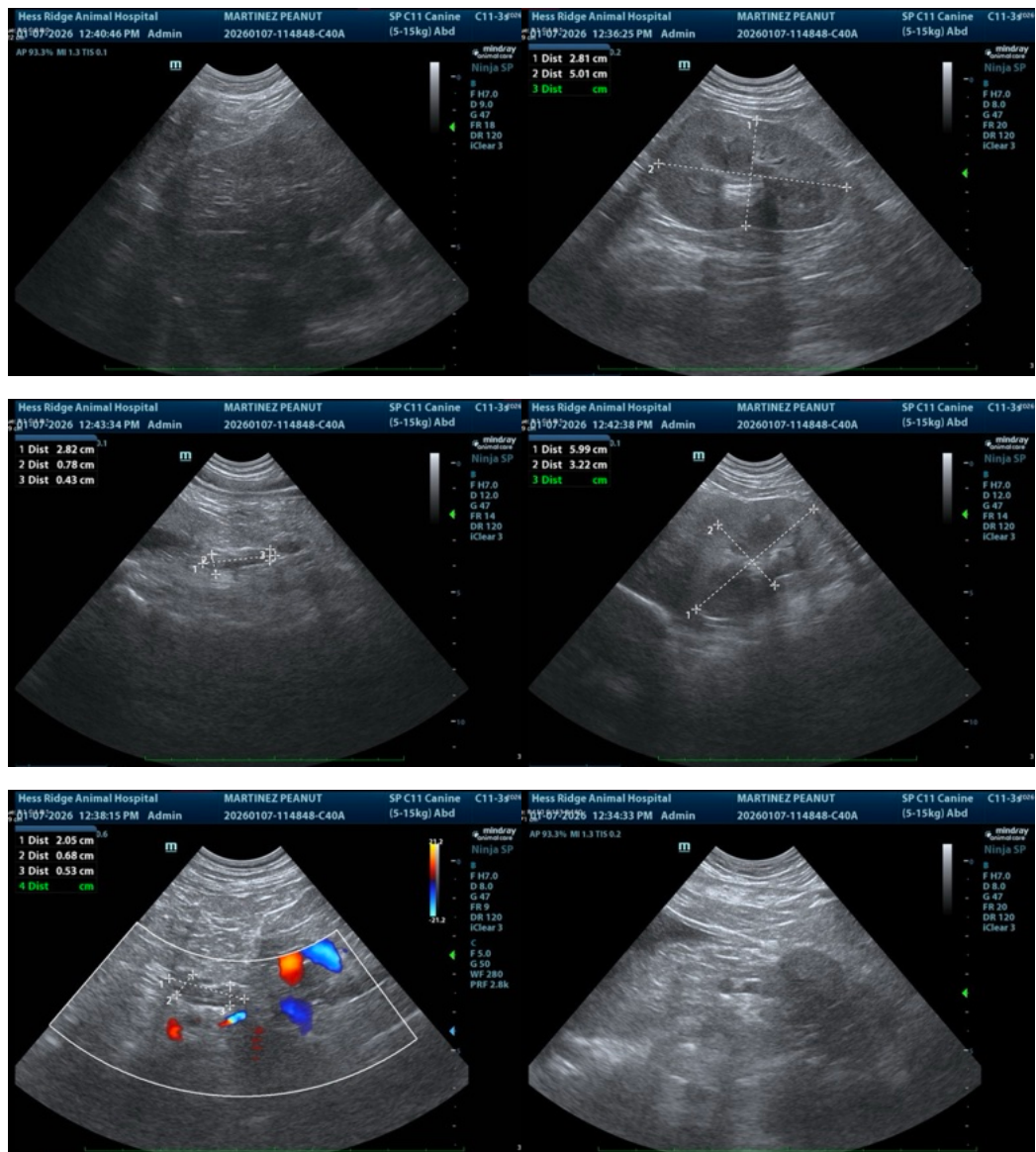
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dysbiosis) for weeks and up to 4-6 months. Therefore, Metronidazole and Tylosin should be utilized as a last resort if other efforts have not been effective and sonographic organ appearance remains benign.

Dietary indiscretion, food intolerance, structurally significant inflammatory bowel or occult parasitism and occult Addison's are all potentials.





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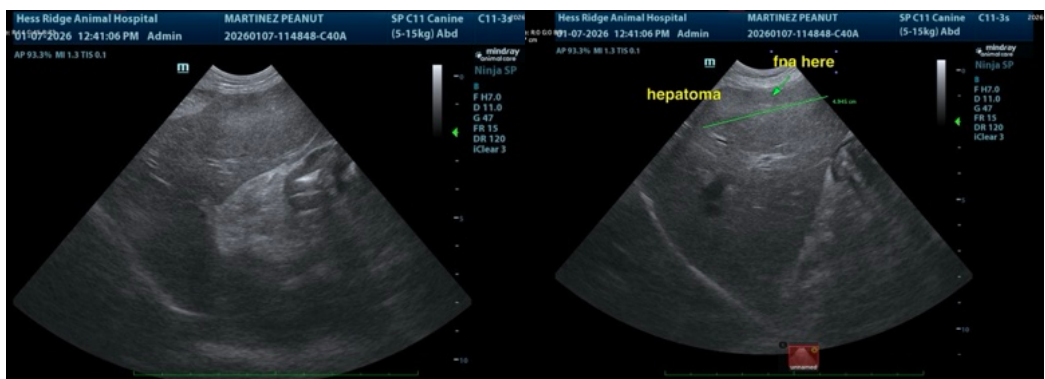
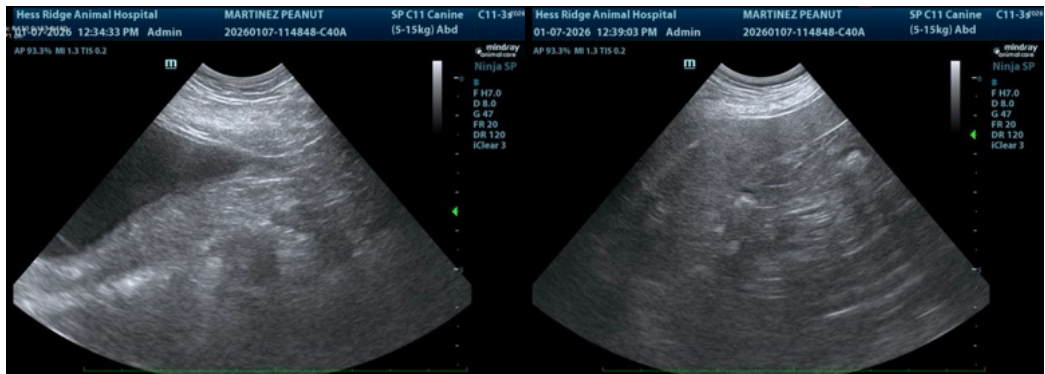
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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