



PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Joe Aram History: elevated ALKP 708; 2-3/6 murmur

SPECIES ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN
Urinary System

Canine

The **urinary bladder** revealed a 0.9 cm shadowing calculus that was non-obstructive at the time of the sonogram. Minor mucosal hypertrophy and wall thickening was noted.

BREED

Dachshund

The residual prostate measured

SEX

Neutered male

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. Occasional cortical cysts were noted in the kidneys. The right kidney measured 4.92 cm. The left kidney measured 4.82 cm.

AGE

14 years

Adrenal Glands

WEIGHT

18 lbs

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 2.42 x 1.11 cm at the cranial pole and 0.53 cm at the caudal pole. The left adrenal gland measured 1.98 x 0.55 cm at the caudal pole and 0.45 cm at the cranial pole.

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Spleen

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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 **liver** was uniformly swollen with minor, excessive gallbladder debris and over distension with dependent and suspended bile without evidence of overt mucocele formation. However, excessive sludge was present. The liver presented coarse architecture with mildly increased portal markings and subtle, mixed echogenic changes. This is consistent with vacuolar hepatopathy and some level of remodeling and history of inflammatory component. There was no overt suspicion of neoplasia.

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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



PATIENT 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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SPECIES *Pancreas*

Canine The base and limbs of the **pancreas** were observed to be largely isoechoic to surrounding omental fat. Some parenchymal remodeling, however, with mild deviation from curvilinear normalcy was observed. Pancreatic duct and capsular irregularities were present consistent with age related changes. If pain upon imaging (+ Murphy sign) was present or if the patient is focally painful in subxiphoid palpation then low-grade smoldering chronic pancreatitis should be suspected.

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SEX **ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE HEART**

Neutered male The echocardiogram in this patient demonstrated normal **left atrial** size based on 3 different LA measurement methods. Chamber volumes and echogenicity were normal. The cranial and caudal **mitral** valve leaflets presented vegetative thickening consistent with endocardiosis. Doppler indicated measurable insufficiency. The **left ventricle** presented thicknesses with linear contour and was not dilated nor restricted. The **myocardium** presented normal echogenicity without subjective evidence of significant fibrotic or ischemic disease. **Contractility** of the ventricular walls was adequate and in normal range for this patient evidenced by the fractional shortening measurement and subjective evaluation of the different regions of the myocardium. The **left ventricular outflow** tract demonstrated normal laminar flow and subjective structural integrity. The **right atrium** and auricle revealed normal size, structure and content. No evidence of masses was noted or chamber overload. **Tricuspid** valvular assessment demonstrated adequate linear morphology. The **right ventricle** was of normal size (1/3 diameter of LV), chordae structure, myocardial echogenicity and thickness. **Pulmonic** tract assessment revealed normal valve structure, laminar flow, and diameter (approx. 1:1 pa/ao ratio). No visible **pericardial** or free pleura fluid was noted. No echographically detectable evidence of infiltrative disease was visible. The cranial **mediastinum** and **pericardial** regions were free of masses in the visible window.

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| CANINE | MR | TR | LA/AO | LA/AO | FS | EF | EPSS |
|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| CARDIAC PARAMETERS | VMAX (m/s) | VMAX (m/s) | (Boon method) | (Heart Base; Swe) | (%) | (%) | (cm) |
| NORMAL PARAMETER | 4.5-5.5 | <2.7 | 1.3 | <1.6 | 28-40 | 40-100 | <0.6 |
| PATIENT | 5.04 | | 1.19 | 1.3 | 38 | 70 | NM |
| CANINE | HR | AV | PV | BODY WEIGHT | LA | LVIDd | LVIDs |
| CARDIAC PARAMETERS | (BPM) | VMAX (m/s) | MAX (m/s) | | 2D short axis Base view (cm) | Avg; 2D and m-mode short axis (cm) | Avg; 2D and m-mode short axis (cm) |
| NORMAL PARAMETER | 50-100 | 0.7-1.7 | 0.7-1.6 | | | | |
| PATIENT | 93 | 1.14 | 0.6 | 18 lbs | 2.58 | 2.44 | |



PATIENT ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

Joe Aram Stage B1 valvular disease.

Bladder calculus, mucosal hypertrophy and wall thickening.

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

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B1: The heart is stable without clinical disease. No overt contraindication for anesthesia of brief to moderate duration. I suggest Torbutrol premed, Propofol induction, Isoflurane maintenance or similar protocol if anesthesia is desired. Blood pressure recommended if not already performed and target white coat negative systolic pressure of < 160 mmHg. If higher than this ACE-inhibitor is suggested to reach this level. Recheck echocardiogram is recommended in 6 months, earlier if murmur grade increases or clinical signs initiate.

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Neutered male

Cystotomy, stone analysis and culture would be warranted. Otherwise, benign abdomen.

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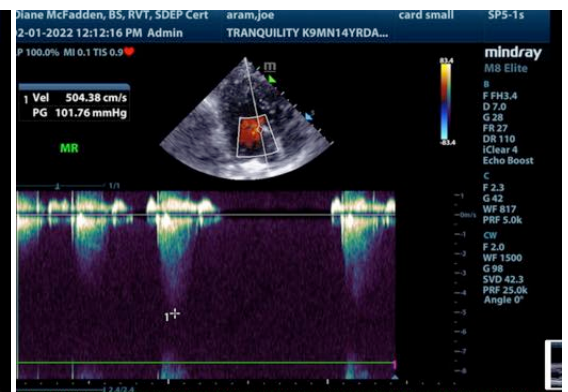
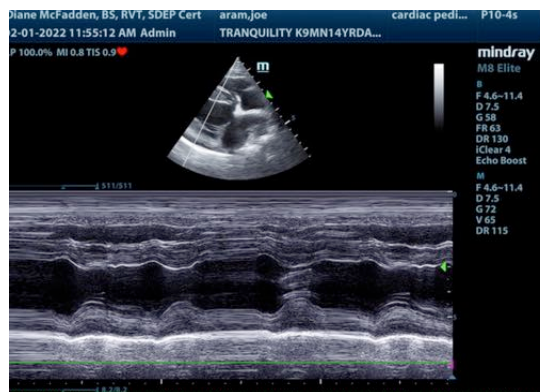
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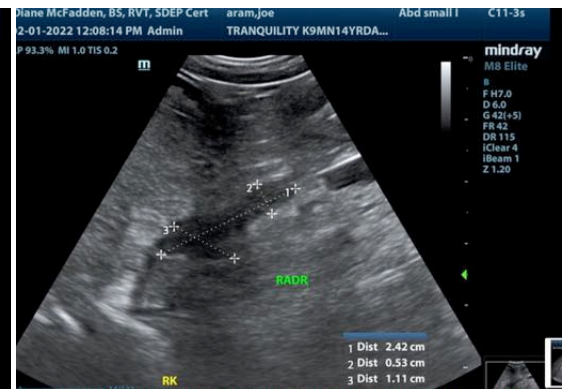
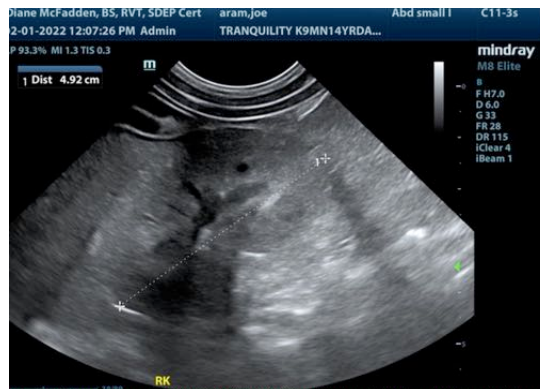


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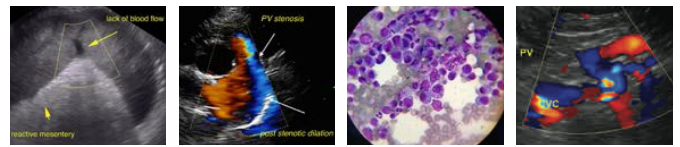


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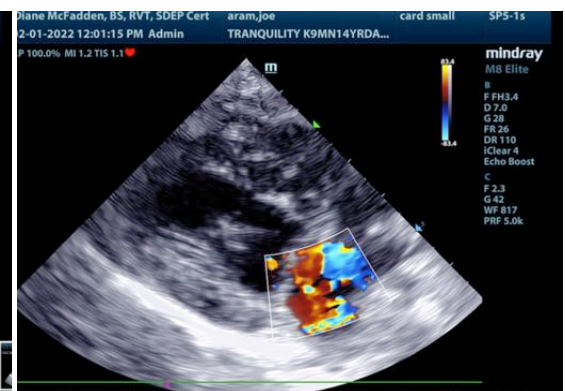
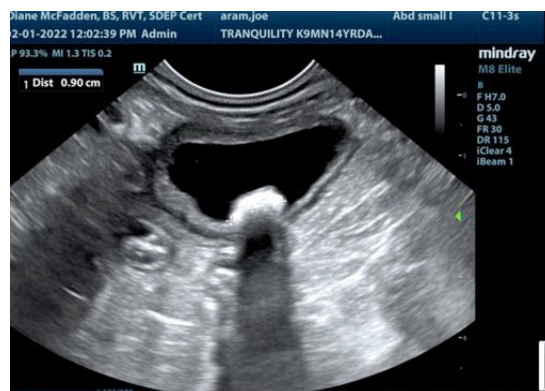
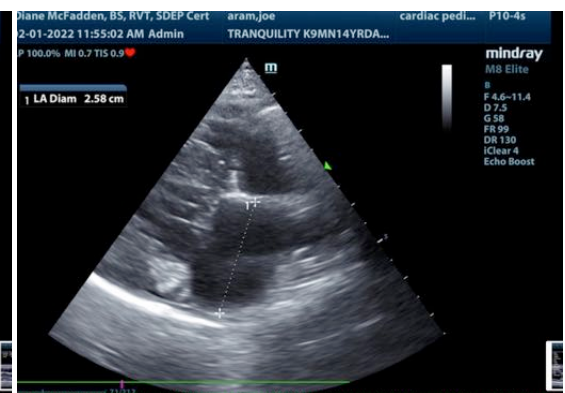
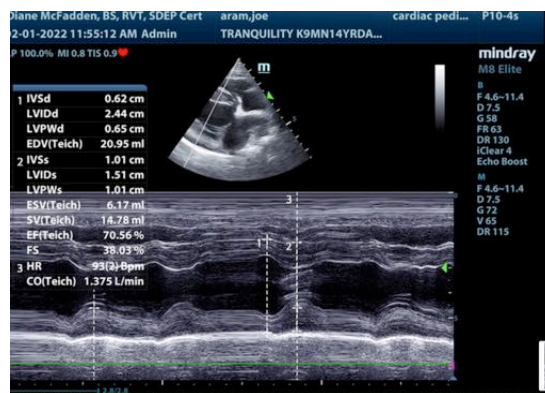
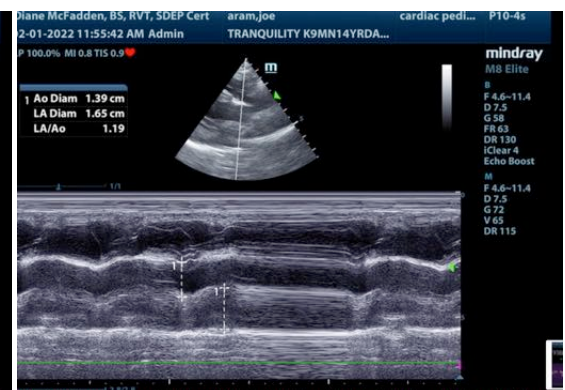
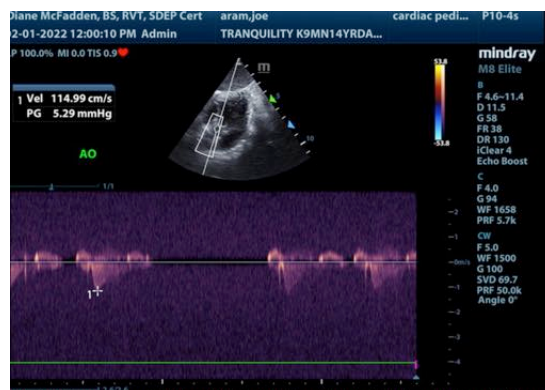
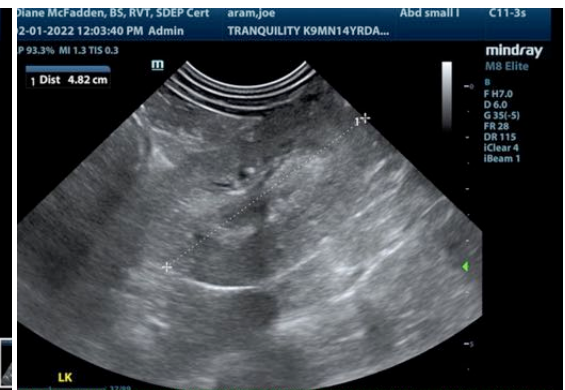
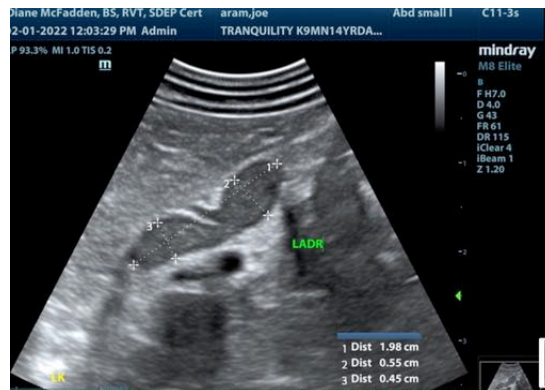
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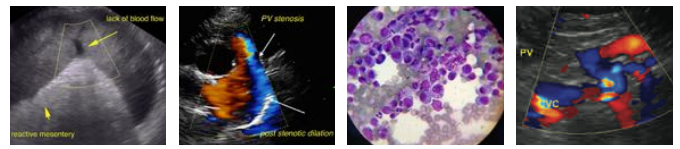
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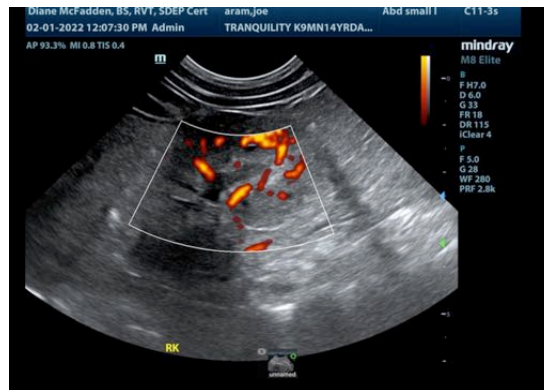
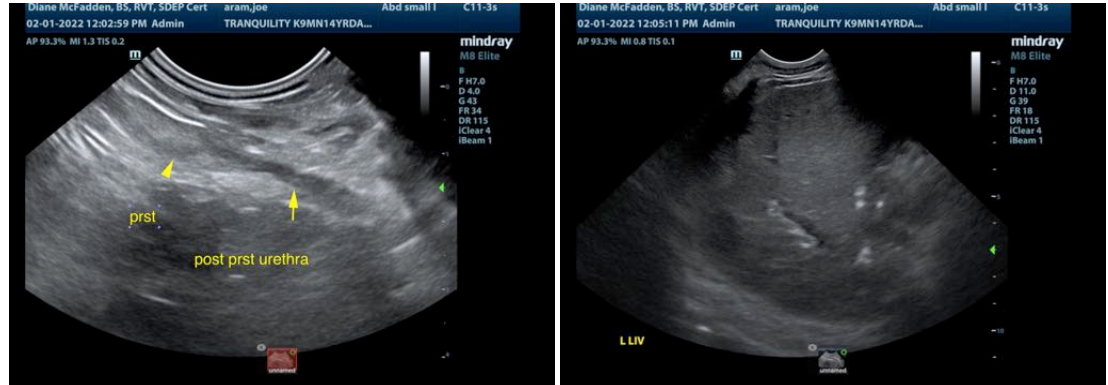
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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