



**PATIENT**

Izzy Baughman

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Shih Tzu mix

**SEX**

Spayed Female

**AGE**

9 years

**WEIGHT**

15.2 lbs

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History of persistently elevated ALT. Lepto PCR is negative. Mild improvement of ALT with amoxicillin and Denamarin. Patient clinically normal.  
Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: ALT=189 (10-125)

**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 normal size and structure, corticomedullary definition and ratio for this age. The cortices presented largely uniform texture with normal echogenic relationship to liver and spleen. Medullary structure differed distinctly from the cortex and no evidence of pelvic dilation was present. The capsules were acceptably uniform without significant irregularities. The right kidney measured 4.5 cm. The left kidney measured 3.67 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 left adrenal gland measured 1.36 x 0.39 cm at the cranial pole and 0.43 cm at the caudal pole. The right adrenal gland measured 0.5 cm.

**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.

**Liver**

The **liver** revealed slightly increased portal markings with minor coarse architecture. The liver was fairly normal in size. The gallbladder presented acceptably thin walls with primarily anechoic content. The cystic and common bile ducts were normal. No pathological hepatic lymphadenopathy was evident. No overt structural evidence of inflammatory, infiltrative or regenerative pathology was evident.



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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**

Non-specific inflammatory hepatopathy.

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

FNA of the liver is warranted to assess inflammatory cell type. This may be reactive hepatopathy owing to antigen surveillance issues. Empirical trial of hydrolyzed diet over the next 6-8 weeks is recommended as well as Amoxicillin and Metronidazole over a 10 day period could be considered with reassessment of the ALT values to address any potential underlying antigen surveillance phenomenon owing to increased GI/portal system antigenicity.

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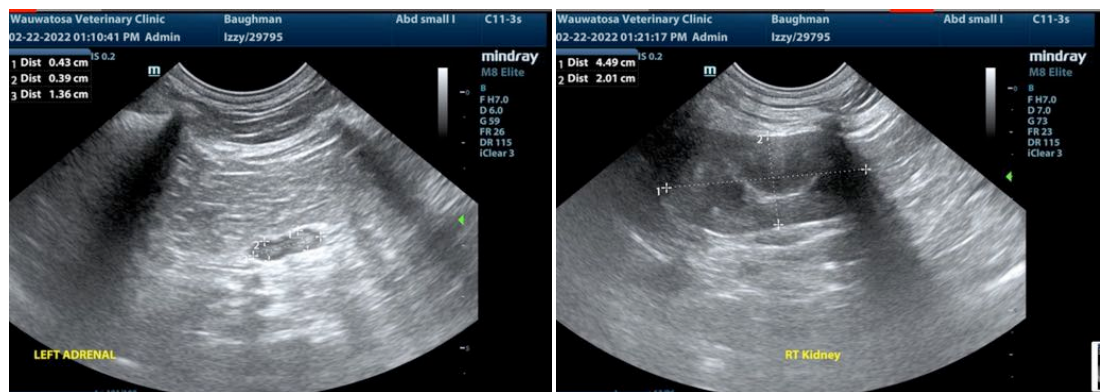
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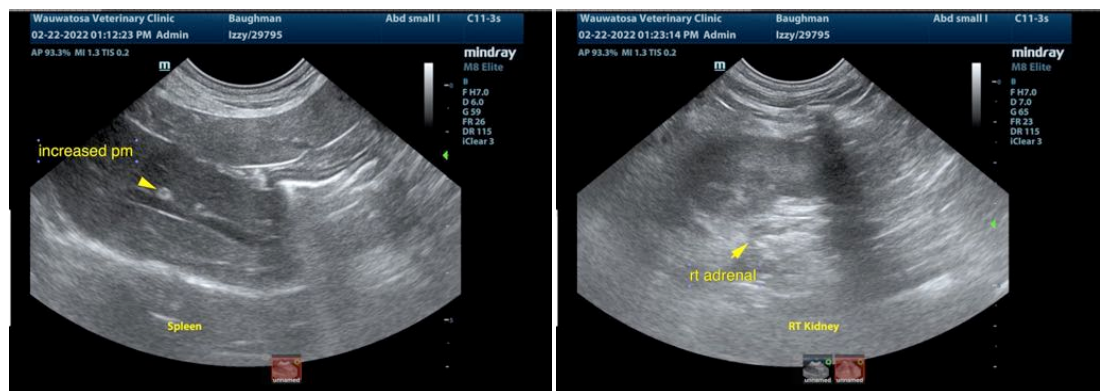
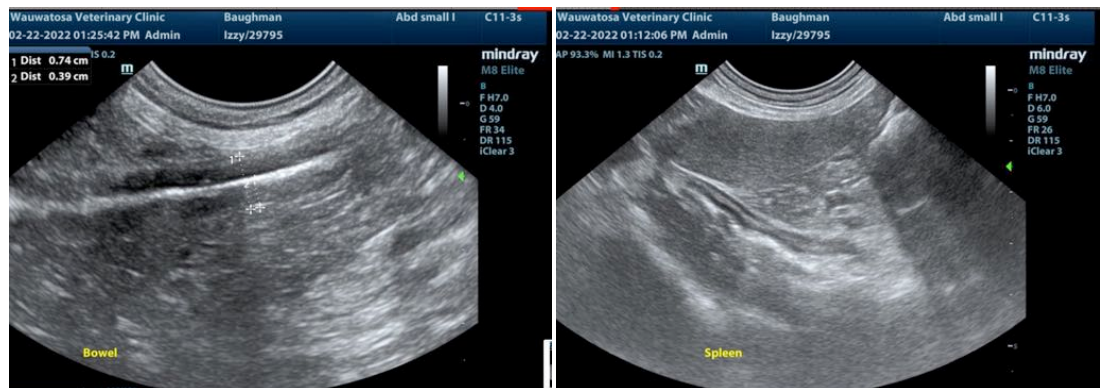
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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