



**PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Steph Novak Recheck

**SPECIES BREED** **ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE HEART**

Canine

Dachshund

Spayed Female

12 years

The echocardiogram in this patient demonstrated normal **left atrial** size based on 3 separate methods of LA evaluation. Trivial **mitral** valve insufficiency was noted. 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. Trivial **tricuspid** insufficiency was noted. The **right ventricle** was of normal size (1/3 diameter of LV), chordae structure, myocardial echogenicity and thickness. **Pulmonary outflow** 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. The cranial **mediastinum** and **pericardial and extra-cardiac** regions were free of masses in the visible window.

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CANINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	MR VMAX (m/s)	TR VMAX (m/s)	LA/AO (Boon method)	LA/AO (Heart Base; Swe)	FS (%)	EF (%)	EPSS (cm)
NORMAL PARAMETER	4.5-5.5	<2.7	1.3	<1.6	28-40	40-100	<0.6
PATIENT			1.0	1.0	49	83	0.1
CANINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	HR (BPM)	AV VMAX (m/s)	PV MAX (m/s)	BODY WEIGHT (kg)	LA (2D short axis Base view) (cm)	LVIDd (Avg; 2D and m-mode short axis) (cm)	LVIDs (Avg; 2D and m-mode short axis) (cm)
NORMAL PARAMETER	50-100	0.7-1.7	0.7-1.6				
PATIENT	174	1.3	0.6		2.42 max	2.22	

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**PATIENT** **ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

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**Urinary System**

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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.

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The uterine stump was unremarkable and measured 0.3 cm.

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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 4.34 cm with slight pinpoint mineralization.

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**Adrenal Glands**

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The left **adrenal gland** was 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 1.78 x 0.7 cm at the caudal pole and 0.65 cm at the cranial pole. The right adrenal gland revealed a hyperechoic nodule that was similar to the prior sonogram and measured 0.9 cm. This is most consistent with adenoma. The capsular contour was otherwise normal. The right adrenal gland measured 2.5 cm in length and 0.54 cm at the caudal pole.

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**Spleen**

The **spleen** in this patient was mildly enlarged with uniform parenchyma and was folded upon itself caudally. A hyperechoic lipogranulomatous changes were noted and not pathological. This is a positional variant and is not pathological. There was no evidence of significant disease.

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**Liver**

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Exam of the cranial abdomen demonstrated excessive **liver** size and swollen contour. Mild, coarse architecture was noted with increased portal markings and minor parenchymal remodeling is suggestive of an inflammatory component. Minor excessive GB debris was noted with the presence gall bladder dilation and precipitate without the overt formation of mucocele but this may be an issue in the future. This type of liver presentation typically is associated with slow and gradual SAP elevations with low-grade ALT rise. USG-FNA sampling is encouraged if more aggressive LE profiles are present such as ALT > 200 or rapid rise in SAP. These presentations are usually reactive hepatopathies owing to other disease processes either endocrine (Diabetes, Hypothyroidism, Cushing's disease), "antigen surveillance" from the gut/pancreas, or idiopathic breed predisposed progressions.

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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



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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. 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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**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

Persistent hyperechoic right adrenal nodule. No evidence of vascular invasion or capsular escape. This is essentially the same if not slightly enlarged compared to the prior sonogram.

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Minor pancreatic remodeling.

Minor mitral and tricuspid insufficiency.

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

The adrenal nodule is not accessible for FNA. There is no evidence of vascular invasion. If any hypertension is present or if adrenal access work-up suggests adrenal dependent Cushing's then right adrenalectomy is recommended. Recheck sonogram is recommended in a year or earlier if any hypertension or Cushingoid signs develop.

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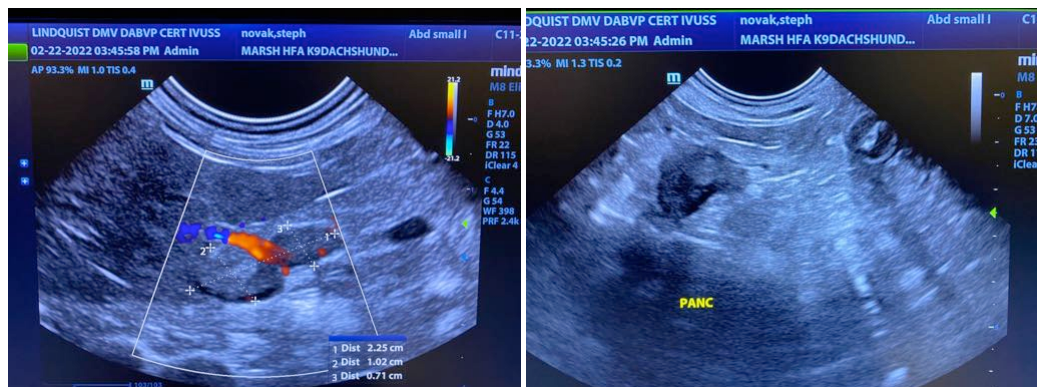
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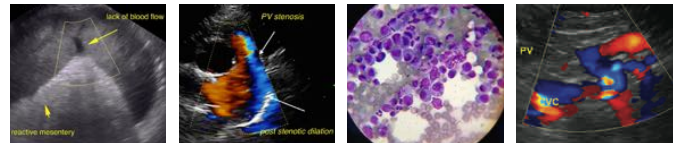
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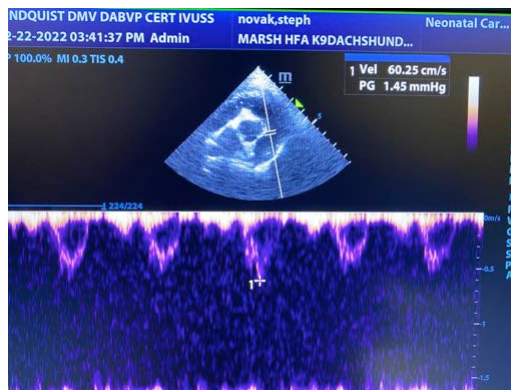
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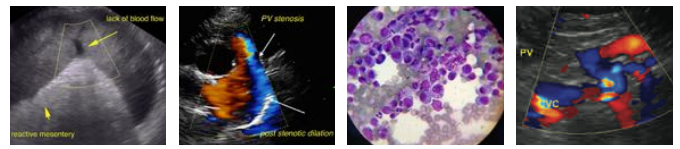
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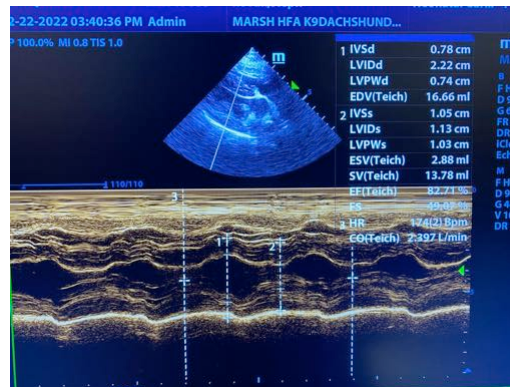
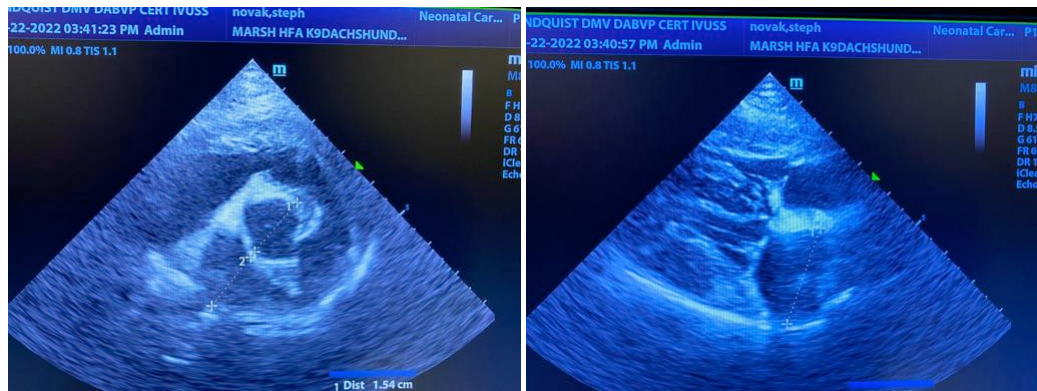
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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