



**PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

**PATIENT**  
Cosmo Sadeghi  
Recent diarrhea, history of chronically elevated liver and kidney values, bladder stones, and history of heart murmur. Current med: Vetmedin.  
Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: ALT 415, Alk. Phos. 246, GGT 41, BUN 49, BUN/creat. ratio 31, calcium 12.8, potassium 5.7, Na/K ratio 26.

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Havanese

**SEX**

Neutered male

**AGE**

16 years

**WEIGHT**

20 lbs

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE HEART**

The echocardiogram in this patient demonstrated enlarged **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. Prolapse of the anterior mitral valve leaflet is noted. 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
<b>CARDIAC PARAMETERS</b>	<b>VMAX</b> (m/s)	<b>VMAX</b> (m/s)	(Boon method)	(Heart Base; Swe)	(%)	(%)	(cm)
<b>NORMAL PARAMETER</b>	4.5-5.5	<2.7	1.3	<1.3	28-40	40-100	<0.6
<b>PATIENT</b>	6.5		1.1	1.1	41	73	NM
CANINE	HR	AV	PV	BODY WEIGHT	LA	LVIDd	LVIDs
<b>CARDIAC PARAMETERS</b>	(BPM)	<b>VMAX</b> (m/s)	<b>MAX</b> (m/s)		2D short axis Base view (cm)	Avg; 2D and m-mode short axis (cm)	Avg; 2D and m-mode short axis (cm)
<b>NORMAL PARAMETER</b>	50-100	0.7-1.7	0.7-1.6				
<b>PATIENT</b>	106		1.19	20 lbs	3.5	2.88	

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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. The bladder revealed at least 3 calculi. The largest of which measured up to 0.91 cm. Minor apical polypoid bladder wall thickening was noted.

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The prostate was unremarkable.

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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. Mineralization was noted in the kidneys. The largest calculus measures 0.66 cm. The right kidney measured 5.4 cm. The left kidney measured 5.29 cm.

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**Adrenal Glands**

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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 2.17 x 0.65 cm at the caudal pole and 0.84 cm at the cranial pole. The left adrenal gland measured 2.02 x 0.58 cm at the caudal pole and 0.62 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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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**

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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. Cystic lymph nodes were noted. The largest of which measured 1.65 cm.

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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**

**AGE**

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Fairly stable stage B2 valvular disease with minor residual left atrial enlargement.

Bladder calculi, non-obstructive. Minor cystitis pattern.

Moderate degenerative renal changes with non-obstructive calculi.

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Chronic inflammatory hepatopathy.

**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

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I recommend continuation of Pimobendan. FNA of can be considered for further definition. Eventual cystotomy is warranted given the hypercalcemia. Michigan State hypercalcemia panel is warranted to assess for primary hyperparathyroidism. If this is suggested by the blood work then thyroid/parathyroid imaging is indicated. Blood pressure measurements are essential. No adjustment on cardiac medications are recommended at this time. A periodic azotemia may be occurring owing to passage of calculi. The kidneys appear 50-60% compromised. However, no obstructive disease was noted at this time.

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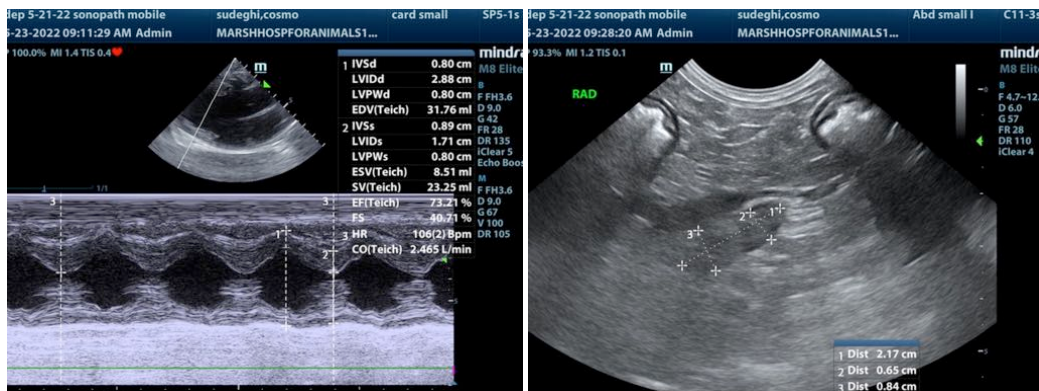
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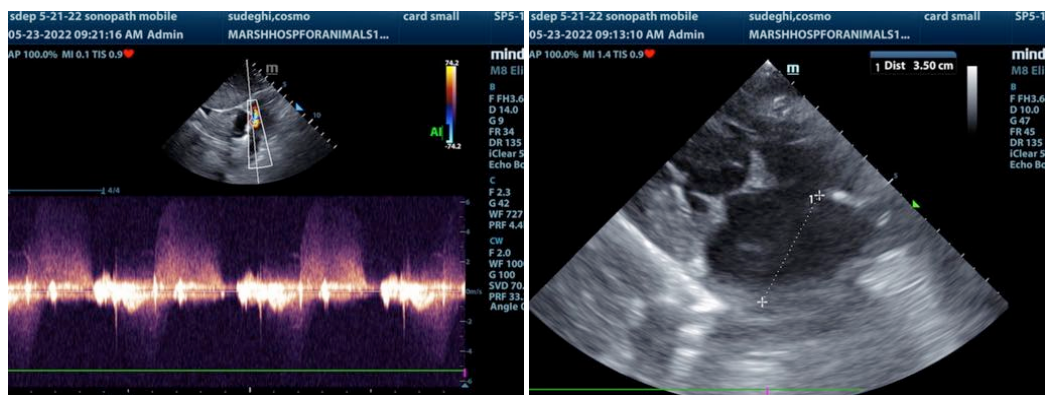
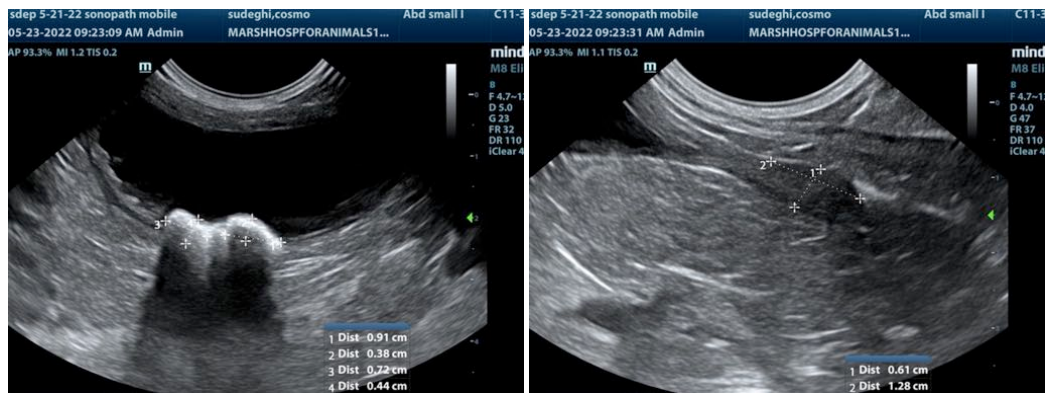
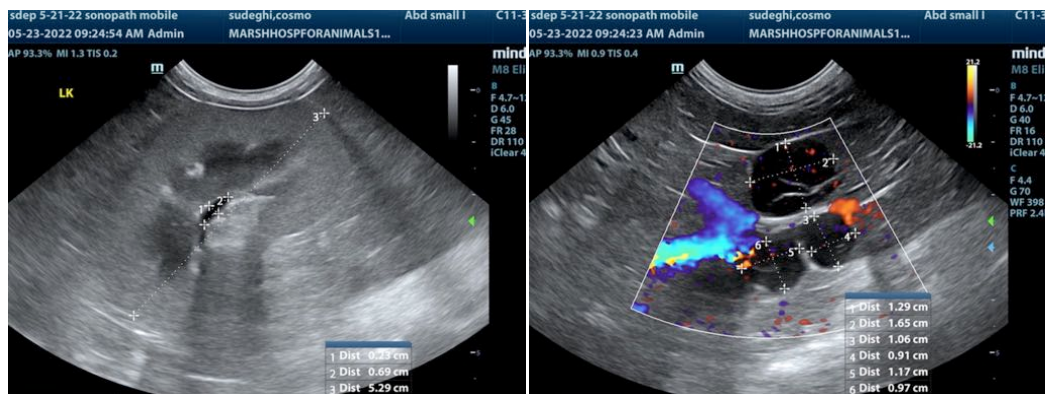
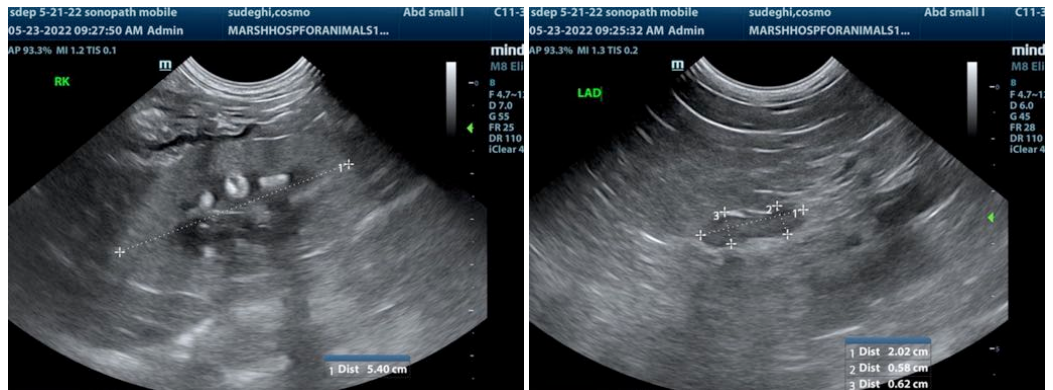
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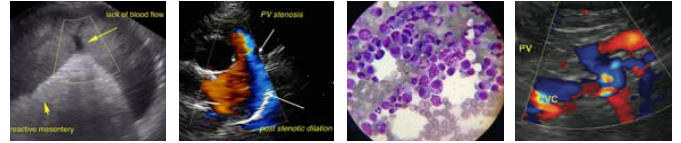
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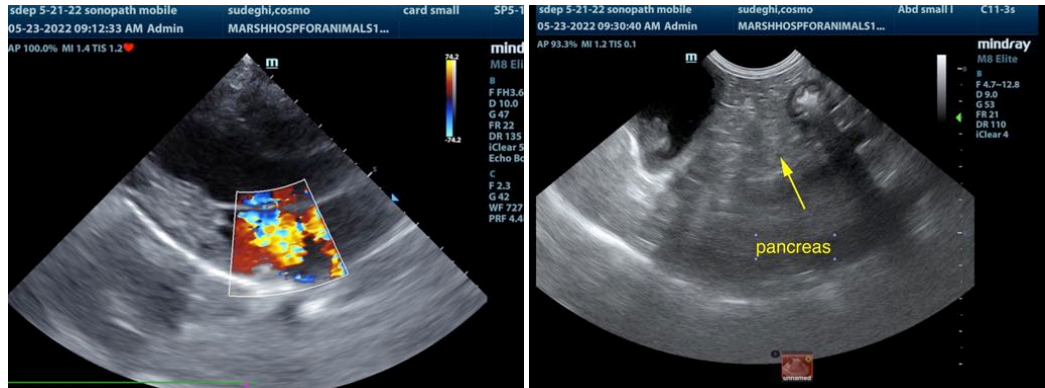
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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