**DATE**

5/23/22

PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Elevated liver enzymes.
Current Medications: None.
Lab Results: ALKP 1546.
Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.
Sedation: Gabapentin PO.
Stat Report: Not requested.
Imaging Performed By: Stephanie Pearce RDCS, RVT.

PATIENT

Frankie Ray

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Dachshund

SEX

Neutered male

AGE

12/17/09

WEIGHT

22 lbs

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REFERRING VET

Dr. Martin

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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 right kidney measured 5.3 cm. The left kidney measured 5.51 cm.

Adrenal Glands

The **adrenal glands** appeared slightly enlarged and swollen. No evidence of focal capsular expansion or invasion into the phrenic veins was noted. No overt suspicion of neoplasia was noted. This is considered likely a hyperplastic change associated with stress or adrenal endocrinopathy (PDH). If isosthenuria is persistently present and the patient morphologically suggests Cushing's disease then ACTH testing would be indicated. The right adrenal gland measured 2.18 x 1.0 cm at the cranial pole and 0.66 cm at the caudal pole. The left adrenal gland measured 1.91 x 0.87 cm at the caudal pole and 0.72 cm at the cranial pole.

Spleen

The **spleen** in this patient was mildly enlarged with uniform parenchyma and was folded upon itself caudally. This is a positional variant and is not pathological. There was no evidence of significant disease. A splenic lymph node or accessory spleen was noted and measured 0.94 x 0.85 cm.

Liver

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.

Gastrointestinal

A minor amount of non-shadowing, non-obstructive ingesta was noted in the **stomach**. Transit of chyme into the small intestine was normal. Curvilinear patterns were maintained throughout the GI tract. No evidence of pathology. 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.

Pancreas

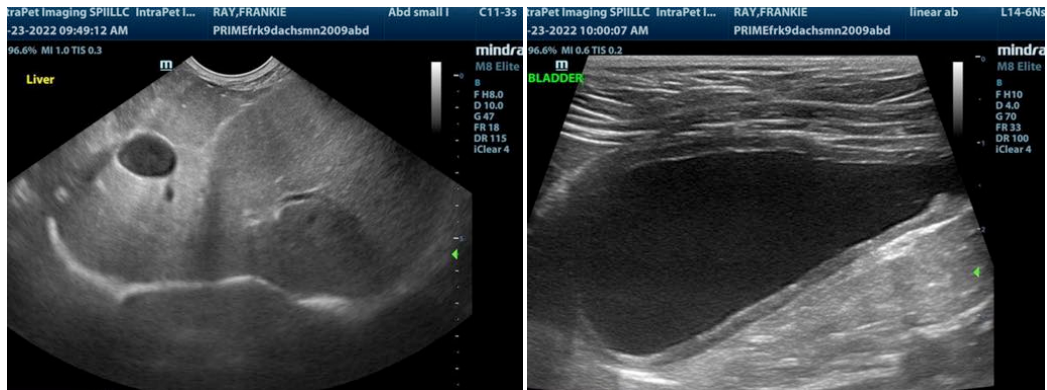
The base and limbs of the **pancreas** were observed to be largely isoechoic to surrounding omental fat. Some parenchymal remodeling, however, with mild deviation from curvilinear normalcy was observed. Pancreatic duct and capsular irregularities were present consistent with age related changes. If pain 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.

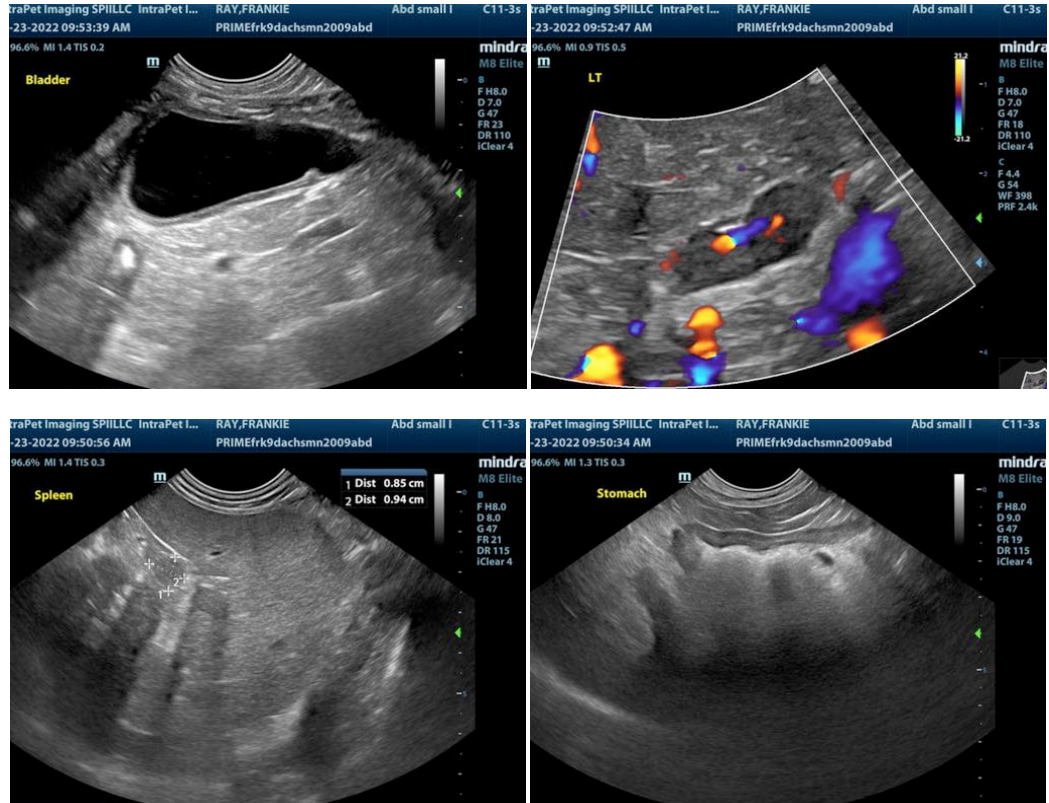
ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Mild bilateral adrenal hypertrophy.
- Pancreatic remodeling.
- Minor gastric retention. Post prandial presentation.
- Benign hepatopathy with mild remodeling.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

If the urine specific gravity is less than 1.020 then work-up for Cushing's/PDH is indicated. FNA of the liver could be considered for further definition. However, subjectively this appears benign and possibly driven by underlying endocrinopathy or breed predisposition.





The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. 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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