



**PATIENT**

Gibbs Mueller

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Beagle Mix

**SEX**

Neutered Male

**AGE**

13 Years 9 Months

**WEIGHT**

34 Pounds

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: Mild anemia, mild elevated ALT, heart disease

**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 were noted. Ureteral papillae were normal. The residual prostate measured 1.0 cm.

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 left kidney measured 5.45 cm. The right kidney measured 5.41 cm. The right kidney measured 5.0 cm.

**Adrenal Glands**

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 0.5 cm.

The **right adrenal gland** was not visualized.

**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 were noted.

**Liver**

The **liver** images from right and left intercostal as well as subcostal views revealed subjectively normal liver size, contour, and structure. Some minor age-related parenchymal remodeling was noted but likely not clinically significant at this time. Vascular tract revealed normal volume and no evidence of congestion was noted. No overt evidence of active inflammatory, infiltrative or regenerative pathology was noted but should be paired with current or past LE elevations regarding any clinical significance to this presentation. The hepatic lymph nodes were unremarkable.

The **gallbladder** was mildly over distended with suspended and dependent debris, yet not to the level of emerging mucocele, yet sludge appears to be mildly excessive. No adjunctive inflammation was noted.

**Gastrointestinal**

The gastrointestinal tract presented considerable gastric artifact due to the presence of ingesta. This did not permit thorough evaluation of portions of the gastric and upper intestinal structure. No overt abnormality was seen in the visualized tissue, however. This is consistent with a post-prandial



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presentation within a few hours of mealtime. If the prandial temporal interval does not fit the case history, and the patient presents a history of post-prandial vomiting, this could indicate a delayed upper gastrointestinal outflow due to primary or secondary pyloric hypertrophy, upper GI infiltrative disease, motor deficits, or a non-visualized foreign body. A prudent approach would be to rescans this patient at 24 hour NPO status to further review the non-visible regions if stomach primarily as well as assess any delayed outflow issue.

## 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.

## ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- Unremarkable abdomen
- Low-grade nonspecific inflammatory hepatopathy
- Full stomach
- Gallbladder sludge

## INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

The cause of anemia is unclear. No evidence of pathology.



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



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**referring veterinarian. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.**

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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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