



**PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Oliver Maull Peritoneal effusion on rads. No current meds.  
 Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: ALP >993 (1,702 10x diluted); GGT 86, ALT 173, TP 4.4, NA 139, CA 8.6, CL 91, NEUT 15.07

**SPECIES**

Canine

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE HEART & ABDOMEN**

**BREED**

Havanese

**SEX**

Neutered Male

**AGE**

10 Years

**WEIGHT**

14.8 Pounds

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	5.22		NM	1.5	32	61	0.26
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	BELOW	BELOW	BELOW	BELOW
PATIENT	174	1.61	1.29		3.28	3.63	

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**Cardiac Presentation**

The echocardiogram for this patient presented excessive **left atrial size** expressed both in the LA/AO and LA max measurements Chamber volumes and echogenicity were normal. The cranial and caudal **mitral** valve leaflets presented vegetative thickening consistent with endocardiosis. 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** insufficiency noted at 2.81 m/sec. **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.

**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 **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



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the capsule and C/M junction. The cortices presented largely uniform texture with some increased echogenicity expected for his age patient. Medullary structure differed distinctly from that of the cortex and no evidence of pelvic dilation was present. The right kidney measured 8.29 cm. The left kidney measured 4.76 cm.

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Iliac lymph nodes were enlarged, irregular and hypoechoic, measuring up to 2.3 cm x 1.54 cm.

**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 1.97 cm x 0.65 cm at the cranial pole and 0.54 cm at the caudal pole.

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**Spleen**

The **spleen** presented scalloping contour and multifocal hypoechoic expansive nodular changes up to 1.1 cm at the cranial pole.

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**Liver**

The **liver** presented swollen irregular contour with multifocal subtle iso- to hypoechoic nodular changes noted. Hepatic veins were dilated, consistent with passive congestion. 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**

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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. No obstructive or overt infiltrative disease was noted. No associated abnormal lymphatic activity was noted.

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**Pancreas**

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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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**Free Abdomen**

Ascites noted.

Multiple distorted, mixed hypoechoic lymph node based masses noted throughout the caudal abdomen with regional inflammation.

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**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

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- Essentially Stage B1 to early B2 valvular disease – mitral and tricuspid insufficiency, mild left atrial enlargement
- Ascites and multicentric lymphoproliferative masses
- Concurrent passive congestion liver pattern
- Nodular spleen

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

There are two separate pathologies in this patient. Aggressive multicentric round cell abdominal



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neoplasia along with concurrent cardiac disease. Cardiac disease would be treatable. However, the abdominal presentation is significantly aggressive. FNA and immediate chemotherapeutic intervention could be considered. Lasix and Pimobendan could be considered. However, prognosis is poor long-term.

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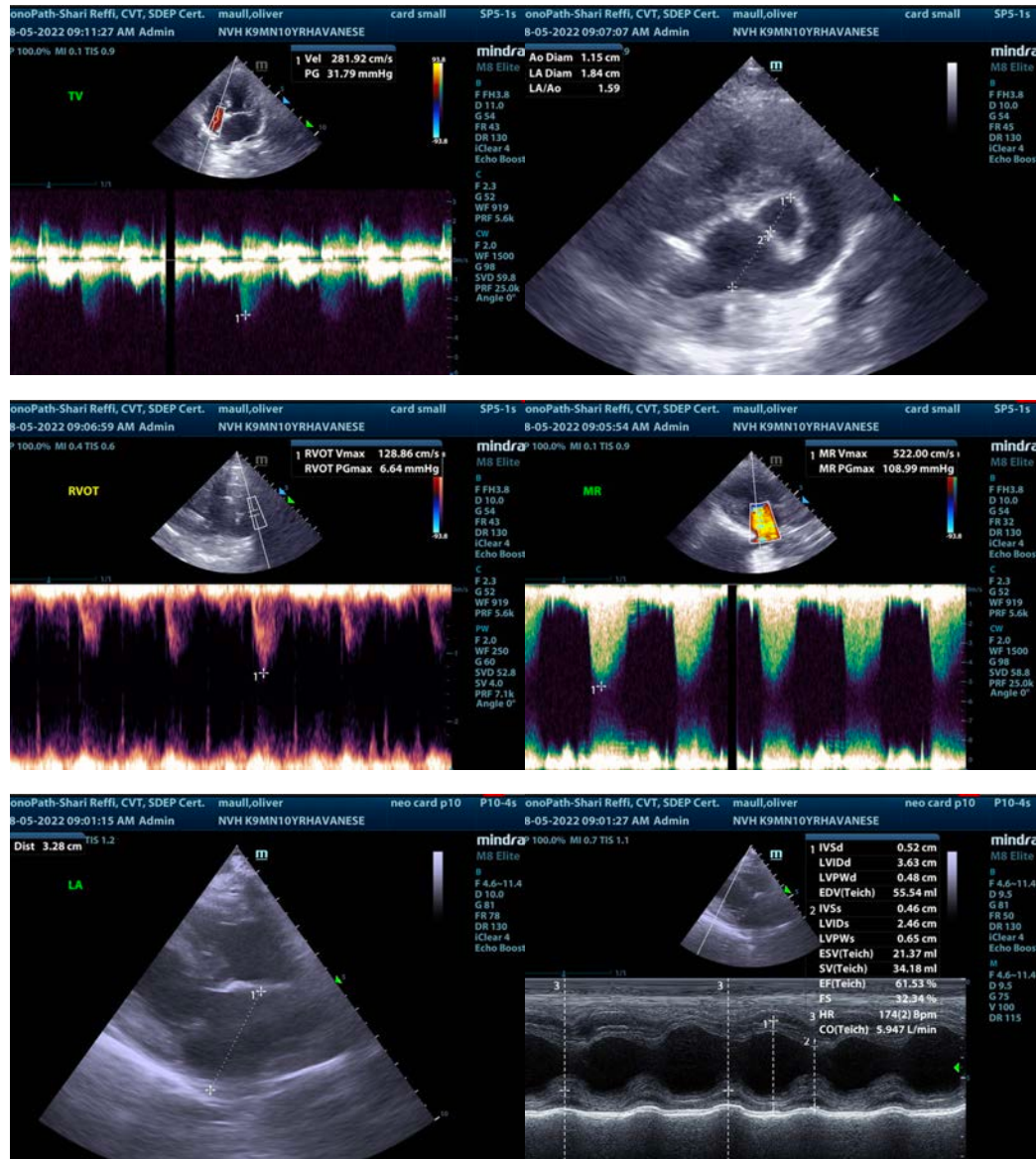
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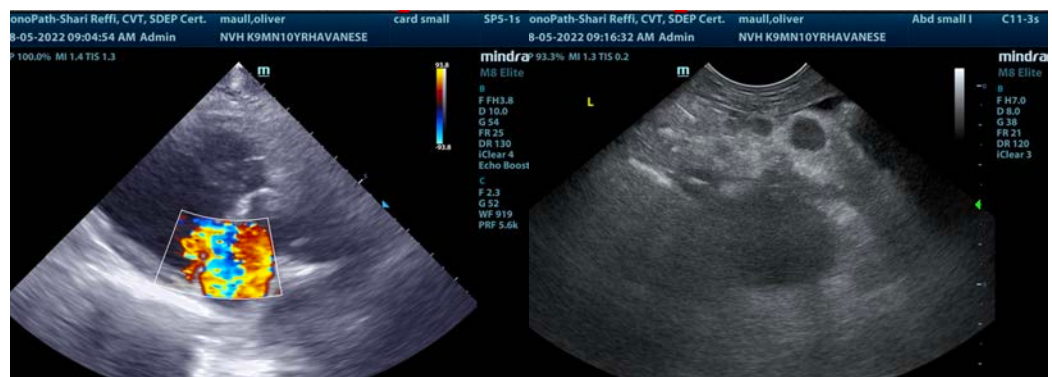
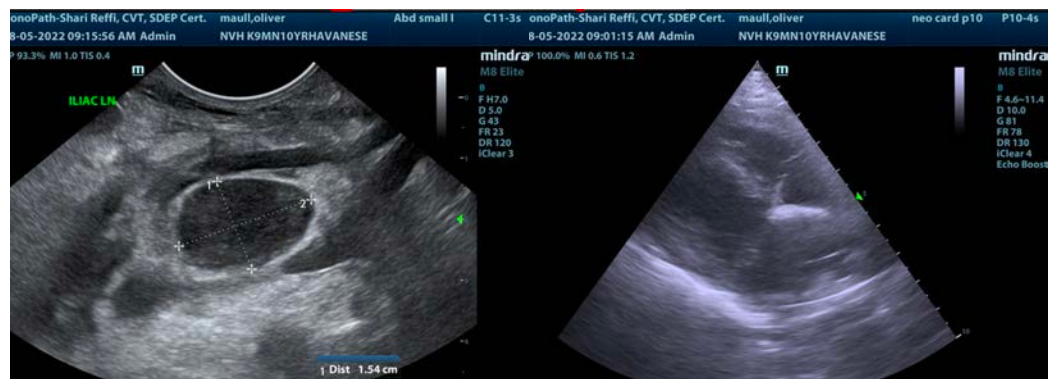
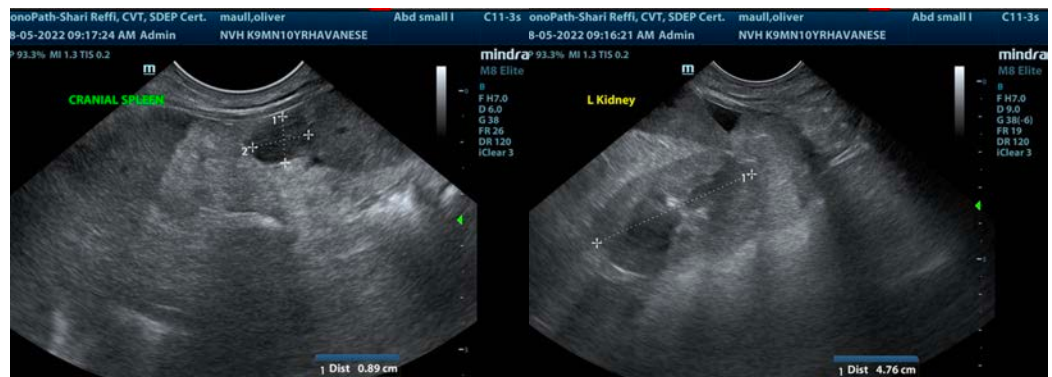
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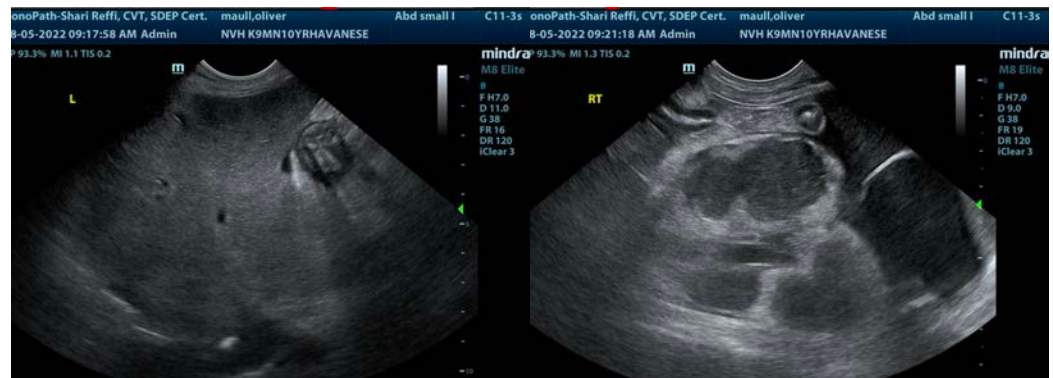
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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