



**PATIENT**

Radar Griffin

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

German Shepherd Mix

**SEX**

Neutered Male

**AGE**

13 Years

**WEIGHT**

61 Pounds

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: Recent PU/PD Decrease in appetite

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: ALT 188 ALP 280

**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 pelvic urethra was imaged 2.0 cm beyond the cystourethral junction.

The **kidneys** revealed largely normal size and structure, corticomedullary definition and ratio (cortex 1/3 of medulla) were essentially maintained with some mild 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 his age patient. Medullary structure differed distinctly from that of the cortex and no evidence of pelvic dilation was present. Mixed echogenic cystic structure was noted in the dorsal cortex of the left kidney.

**Adrenal Glands**

The **adrenal glands** appeared slightly enlarged and swollen. No evidence of focal capsular expansion or invasion into the phrenic veins were noted. No overt suspicion of neoplasia was noted. This is considered a 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. This is a moderate change. The left adrenal gland measured 9.0 mm in width. The right adrenal gland measured 1.2 cm at the cranial pole and 0.9 cm at the caudal pole.

**Spleen**

The **spleen** revealed a focal hypoechoic nodule, measuring 1.2 cm in the mid splenic body with capsular expansion. Minor heterogeneous changes were noted elsewhere. A separate splenic nodule was also noted in the mid splenic body, measuring 5.0 mm.

**Liver**

The **liver** images from right and left intercostal as well as subcostal views revealed subjectively normal liver size, contour, and structure. Some age-related parenchymal remodeling was noted but likely not clinically significant at this time. Vascular and biliary tracts were of normal volume and no evidence of congestion was noted. The gallbladder presented some dependent debris with essentially normal contour. The cystic and common bile ducts were normal. 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.

**Gastrointestinal**

There was some residual chyme and gas was noted in the **stomach**, yet not pathological. This is consistent with end post prandial presentation. Transit of chyme into the small intestine was normal.



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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.

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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**

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- Splenic nodules, concern for emerging round cell neoplasia
- Bilateral adrenal hypertrophy
- Age-related renal changes with a left renal cyst
- Partially full stomach
- Age-related hepatic changes

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

Pituitary dependent hyperadrenocorticism is a strong potential in this patient, however, I am concerned for the splenic lesions. Direct splenectomy could be considered or 25-gauge FNA of the general spleen and the nodular changes. Prognosis is guarded.

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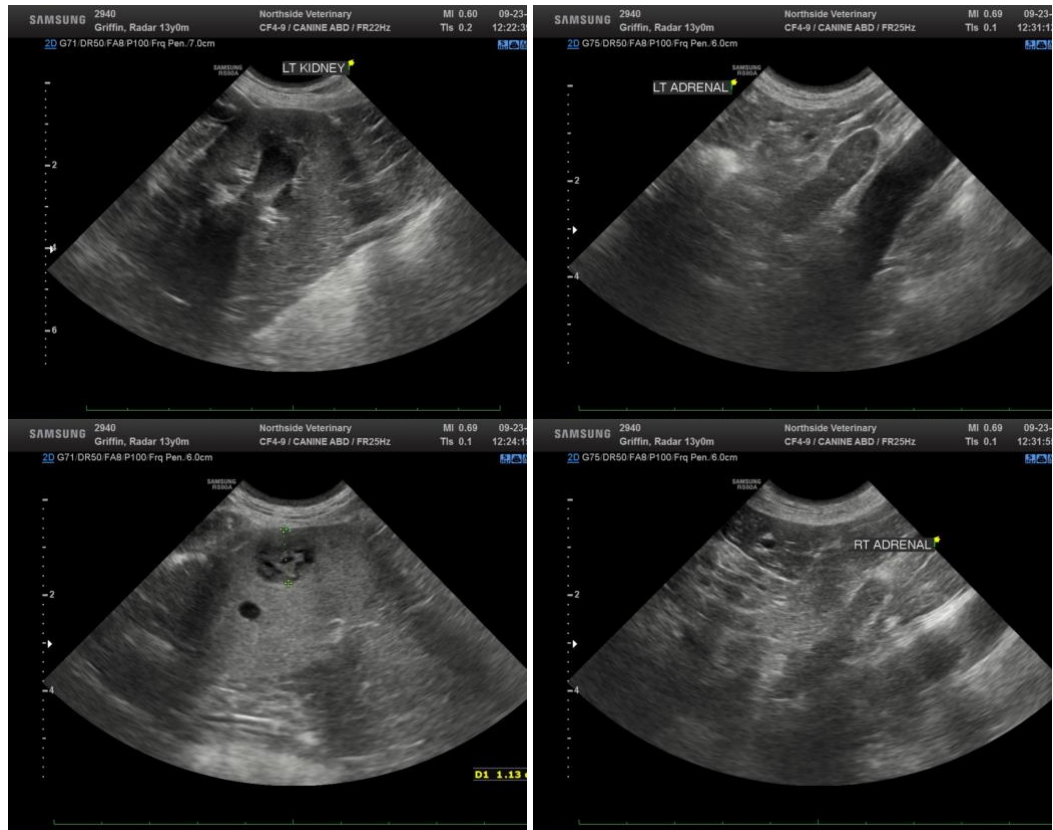
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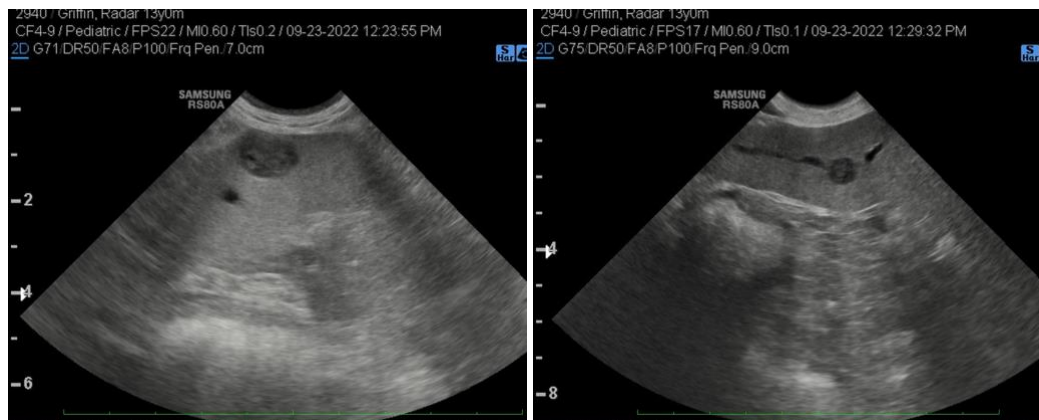
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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