



**PATIENT**

Raven Crossley

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

German Shepherd

**SEX**

Spayed Female

**AGE**

5 Years

**WEIGHT**

107 Pounds

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Presented for labored breathing, vomiting, lethargy, hemoconcentration. Pericardial effusion-pericardiocentesis ~80ml non clotting hemorrhagic fluid, scant abdominal effusion- Mild cardiomegaly, mild pleural effusion, reduces abd detail on rads. Current meds: unasyn

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: WBC 35.15, Neut 29.93, PCV 74 on intake,- decreased to 54 after 2 IV boluses, ALT 2143 diluted, BUN 43.1, Phos 5.8, Lyme positive

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE HEART & ABDOMEN**

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			1.15	1.34	38	68	0.1
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
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**Cardiac Presentation**

The echocardiogram in this patient demonstrated normal **left atrial** size based on 3 separate methods of LA evaluation. The cranial and caudal **mitral valve** leaflets presented normal linear structure, extension in systole, and union in diastole with normal kinesis. 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. An intramural 3.0 cm **right auricular** mass was noted. The mass extends to 7.0 cm x 3.0 cm. **Tricuspid** valvular assessment demonstrated adequate linear morphology and kinesis. The **right ventricle** was of normal size (1/3 diameter of LV), chordae structure, myocardial echogenicity and thickness. **Pulmonary outflow** tract assessment revealed normal valve structure, laminar flow, and diameter (approx. 1:1 pa/ao ratio). Periodic arrhythmia noted. Pleural effusion noted through the diaphragm and in the intercostal spaces.

**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.



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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 7.81 cm. The right kidney measured 8.04 cm.

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**Adrenal Glands**

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 left adrenal gland measured 4.22 cm x 0.63 cm at the caudal pole and 0.59 cm at the cranial pole.

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**Spleen**

The **spleen** was slightly enlarged and mildly heterogeneous. Occasional non-disruptive nodular change noted. The spleen was folded upon itself cranially.

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**Liver**

The **liver** images submitted revealed subjectively normal liver size, contour, and structure. Parenchymal echogenicity was naturally coarse and hypoechoic to the spleen. Vascular and biliary tracts were of normal volume with no evidence of 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**

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**

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**

- Right auricular mass – suspect hemangiosarcoma, possibility of other tumor types yet less likely
- Periodic arrhythmia
- Pleural effusion
- Non-specific acute inflammatory hepatopathy, given the ALT elevations
- Heterogeneous splenic changes – may be related to the right auricular mass, as an emerging hemangiosarcoma is a concern in the spleen.

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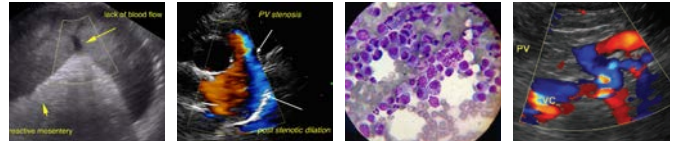
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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

The position of the right auricular mass would suggest hemangiosarcoma. Oncological intervention recommended.

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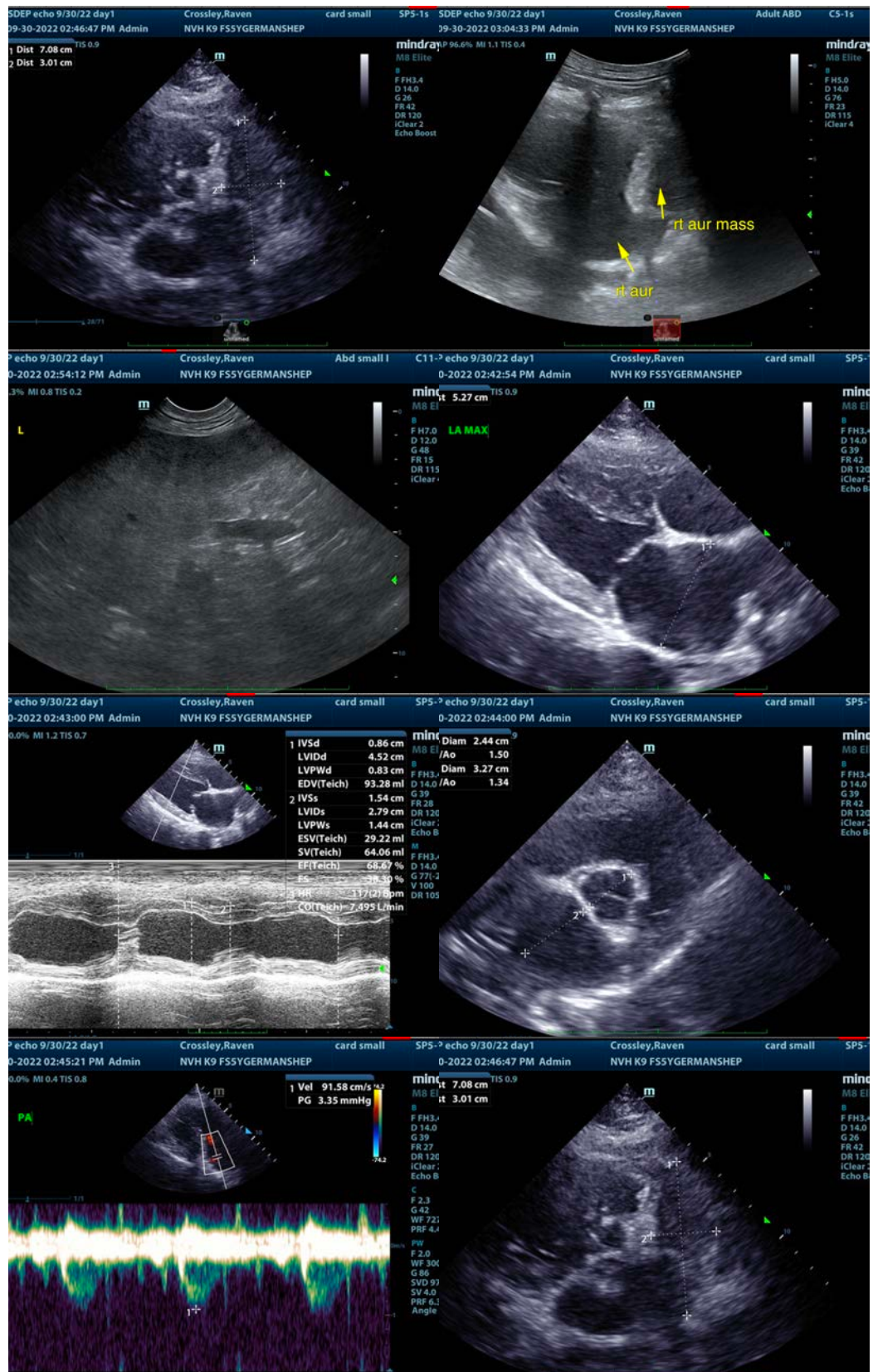
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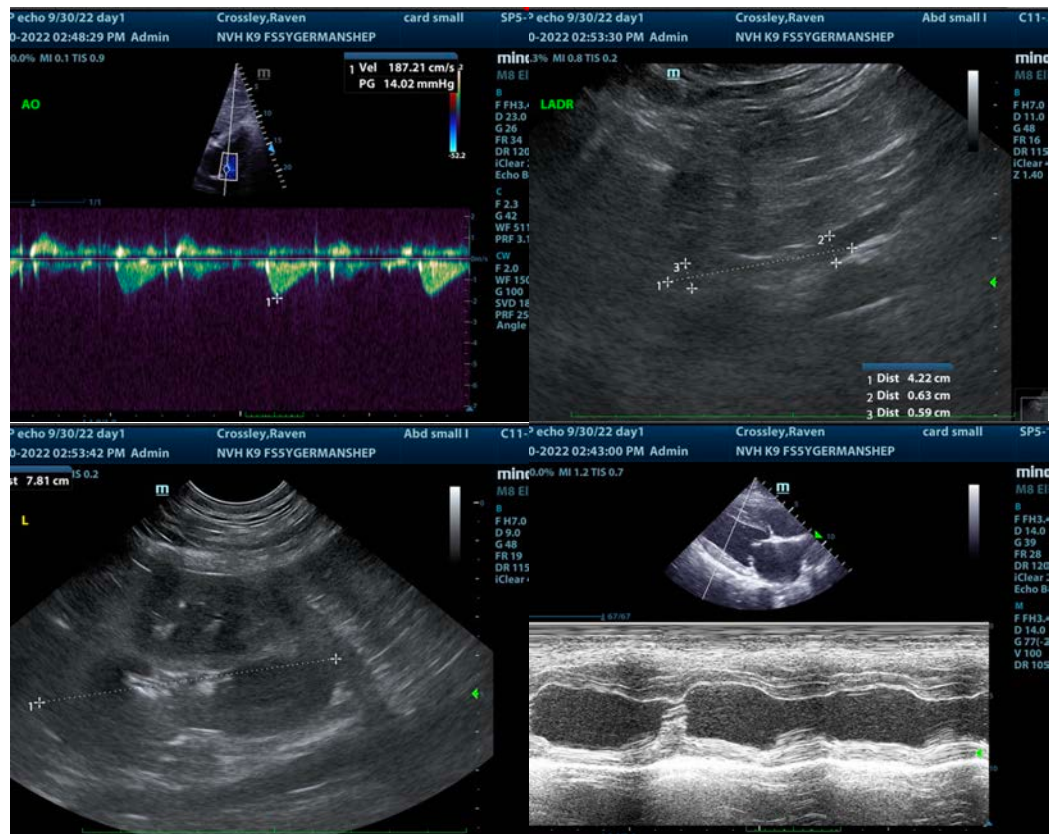
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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