



PATIENT

Mac Checchio

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Miniature Australian Shepherd

SEX

Male

AGE

4 years

WEIGHT

32 lbs

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

History: Initially presented for unwilling to go up stairs. No pain on PE. Elevated ALT on initial bloodwork. 1 week Denamarin ALT increased from 1028 to 1736. Current meds: Denamarin
Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: ALT 1736, AST 336, ALP 194

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 testicles were imaged and found to be uniform with no evidence of pathology.

The **prostate** was uniformly enlarged with lobar swelling appeared to impinge upon the urethra and mildly deviate the descending colon. The prostatic tissue was hyperechoic containing focal areas of decreased echogenicity. These changes are suggestive of either chronic inflammatory episodes, benign cystic pathology or both. Underlying neoplasia cannot be completely ruled-out but is lower on the differential list. This presentation is most consistent with benign prostatic hyperplasia with possible active prostatitis. Neutering or off-label Finasteride (Propecia) (0.1-0.5 mg/kg Sid) treatment is indicated +/- FNA or prostatic wash cytology and culture. The prostate measured 3.5 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 5.71 cm. The right kidney measured 5.63 cm.

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 2.21 x 0.51 cm at the caudal pole and 0.35 cm at the cranial pole. The right adrenal gland measured 2.3 x 0.136 cm at the cranial pole and 0.69 cm at the caudal pole.

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 was noted.



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Liver

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The **liver** was uniform in size and contour. The hepatic parenchyma was uniform. The gallbladder and common bile duct was unremarkable. There was no evidence of masses.

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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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The iliac trifurcation was unremarkable.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

Acute hepatic insult given the ALT elevations.

Minor BPH prostate.

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INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

There are no structural changes at this point; however, this may change over time if the underlying inciting cause is not addressed. Leptospirosis titers are warranted. Full orthopedic and CNS examination would be warranted if not already performed. FNA of the liver is warranted for further definition of inflammatory cell type. I also recommend assessment for toxin exposure.

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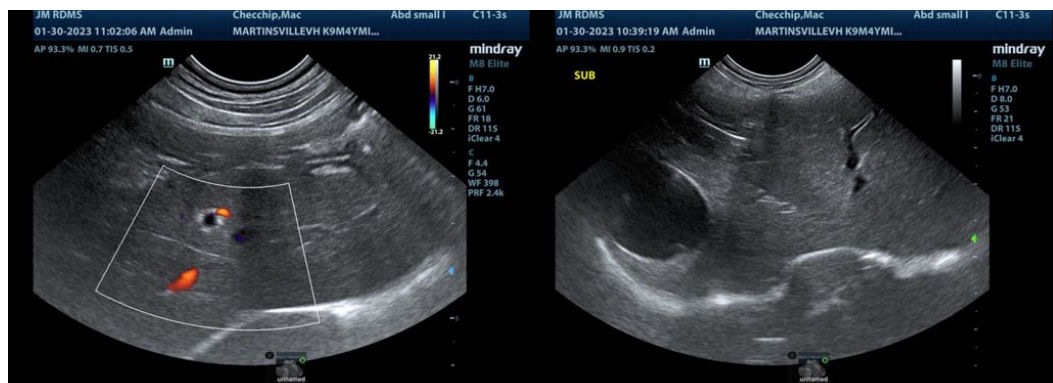
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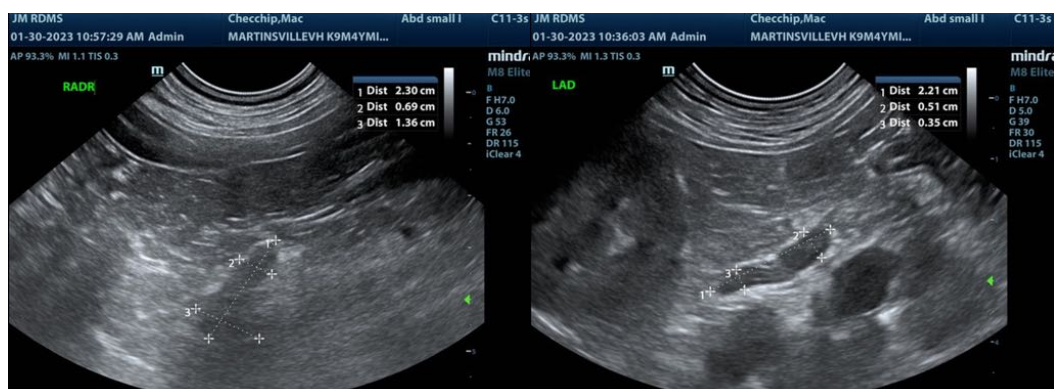
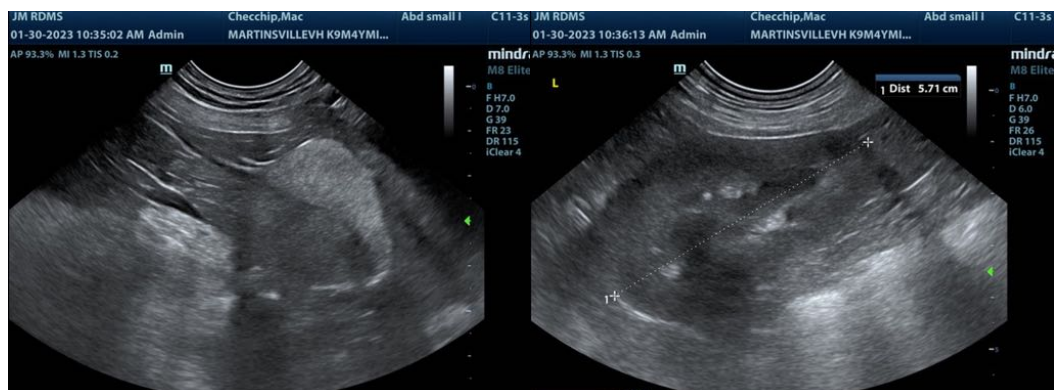
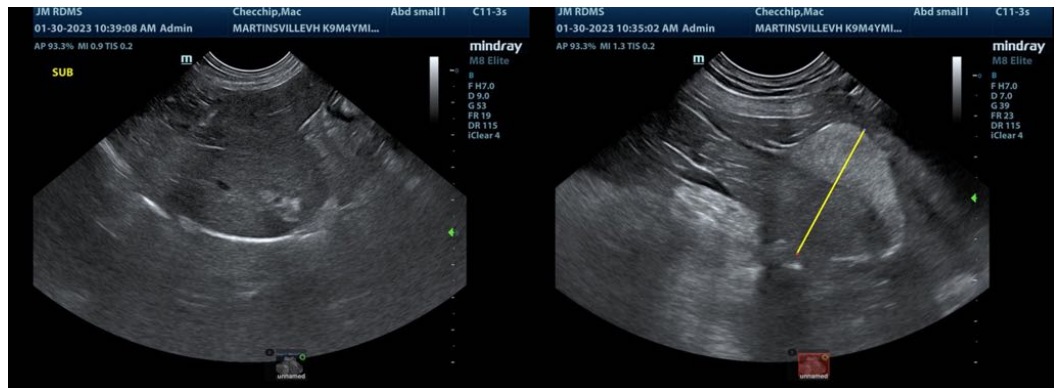
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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