



PATIENT

Ponzi Snyder

SPECIES

Canine

BREED

Labradoodle

SEX

Neutered Male

AGE

10 Years 11 Months

WEIGHT

60 lbs

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PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

ALT and ALP significantly elevated.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

Urinary System

The urinary bladder is moderately distended with anechoic urine. The Bladder wall, trigone, ureteral papillae and visible urethra (to a depth of 2cm) appear normal with no evidence of wall thickening, mucosal irregularities, masses or cystic calculi.

The prostate is normal in size (0.94 cm) and shape for this neutered male dog. The parenchyma is homogenous and the external margins are smooth. The prostatic urethra appears normal with no evidence of irregularity, invasion, mass effect or calculi.

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (6.42 cm). Overall echogenicity is normal with adequate corticomedullary distinction and a typical 1:3 cortex:medulla ratio. There is no evidence of focal perinephric inflammation or effusion. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (7.22 cm). Overall echogenicity is normal with adequate corticomedullary distinction and a typical 1:3 cortex:medulla ratio. There is no evidence of focal perinephric inflammation or effusion. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.71 cm at the cranial pole and 0.59 cm at the caudal pole. It is observed in its normal position cranial to the left renal artery. It is normal in appearance (uniformly hypoechoic) and shape with no evidence of a mass effect.

The region of the right adrenal (between right cranial kidney and vena cava) is unremarkable, but the adrenal is not distinctly visualized. No evidence of a mass effect is visualized.

Spleen

The spleen is subjectively normal in size (1.97 cm), echotexture is homogenous, and the splenic capsule is smooth with no irregularities. The blood flow through the hilus and splenic parenchyma appears normal. No focal parenchymal abnormalities are visualized.

Liver

The liver is subjectively normal in size, and echogenicity with smooth peripheral margins. The parenchyma is homogenous echotexture. The visible portions of the vasculature and biliary tract appear normal. No focal nodules or cystic lesions are observed.

The gall bladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall of the gall bladder is not thickened and has a smooth mucosal surface. Luminal contents are mild and likely incidental at this time. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not visible.



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Gastrointestinal

The stomach contains moderate fluid/shadowing ingesta. It measures at a normal thickness of <0.7cm with some variability due to the presence of rugal folds. The distinction of the gastric wall layers is adequate and there is no impression of reduced peristaltic activity. Gas and shadowing ingesta in the stomach interfere with full evaluation of the stomach and some areas of the cranial abdomen.

The visualized areas of duodenum, jejunum and ileum have a relatively uniform diameter with minimal fluid distension. Wall thickness is normal. Bowel loops follow a curvilinear path with distinct wall layering maintaining the typical 1:3 muscularis:mucosa layer ratio. Jejunum wall measures 0.30 cm. Visualized peristalsis appears appropriate. There were no focal lesions consistent with obstruction or a mass effect observed.

Sections of colon are visualized with formed fecal material and gas shadowing distally. There is no observed focal or generalized colon wall thickening or loss of layering.

Pancreas

The area of the pancreas is normal and isoechoic to surrounding mesentery. There is no evidence of nodules or cystic lesions. There is no evidence of regional mesenteric inflammation or fluid.

Free Abdomen

Evaluation of the peritoneal cavity did not reveal any evidence of effusion, or subjective lymphadenomegaly. The Medial iliac nodes appear normal and there was no evidence of a caudal aortic thrombus at the bifurcation. The omentum is of normal uniform echogenicity.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

- No significant ultrasonographic lesions visualized.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

The liver and gallbladder appear within normal limits. Based on the liver enzyme elevations reported, a vacuolar hepatopathy could be a likely differential, although other differentials are possible. Additionally, the albumin is borderline low, which could be concerning for a more significant hepatopathy or other source of hypoalbuminemia. Consider the following:

- Recommend pre- and post-prandial bile acids to assess liver function.
- Recommend a urinalysis and urine protein to creatinine ratio, looking for any evidence of significant proteinuria contributing to the borderline low albumin levels.
- Additionally consider a GI panel to Texas A&M for a qualitative PLI, TLI, cobalamin and folate, looking for evidence of underlying gastrointestinal disease, which could be contributing to the borderline low albumin levels.

If liver function is normal and there is no significant proteinuria, underlying gastrointestinal disease would be a significant concern. The stomach was not fully evaluated due to shadowing ingesta visualized within the gastric lumen. Further evaluation of the GI tract could be warranted in this situation.



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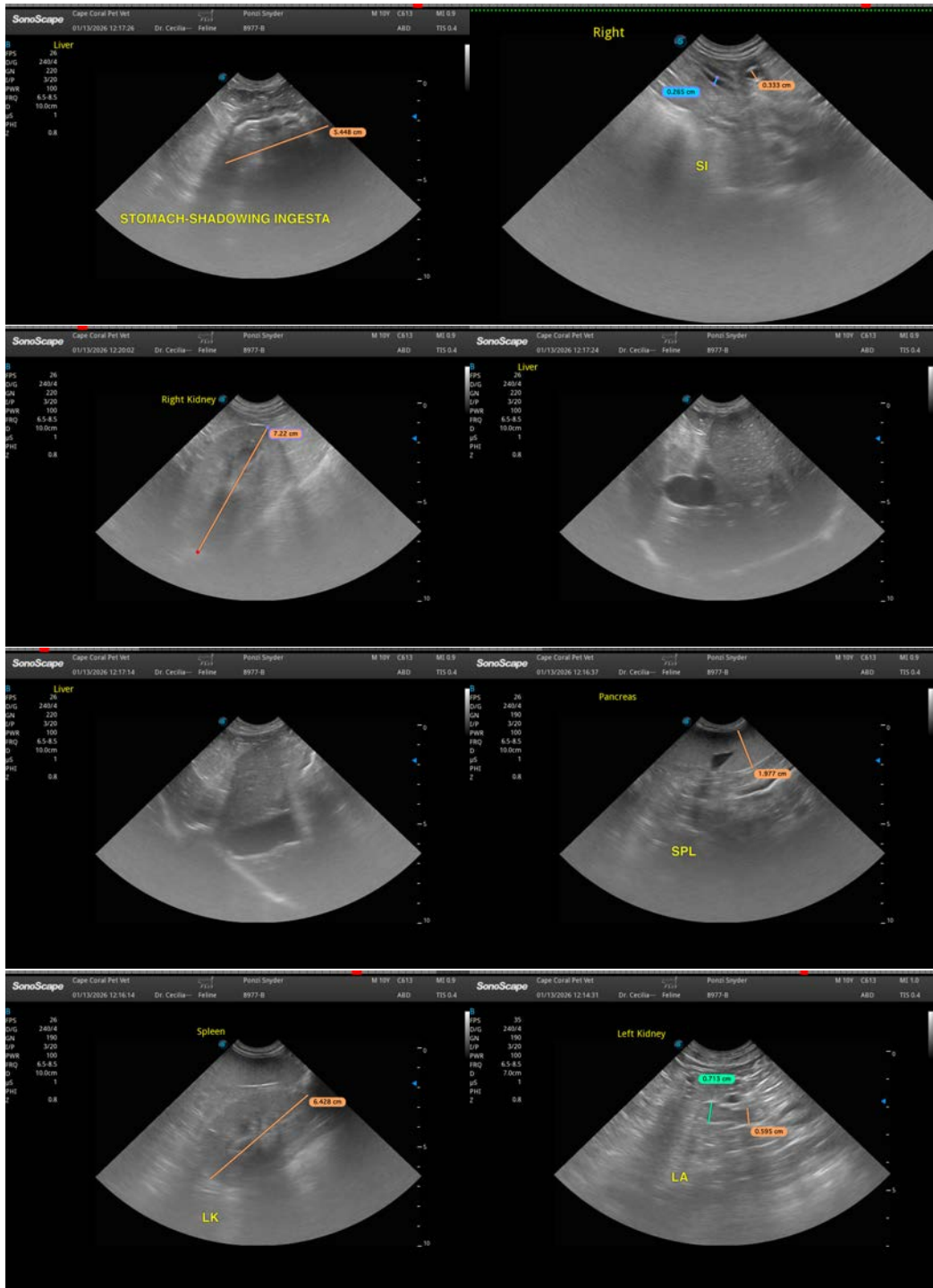
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Additional evaluation for the liver enzyme elevations could include a fine needle aspirate of the liver. If liver function is abnormal, it is likely that a biopsy of the liver with samples for histopathology, culture and copper levels would be warranted.





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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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