

**PATIENT**

Abe Herman

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Rottweiler Mix

**SEX**

Neutered Male

**AGE**

11 Years

**WEIGHT**

79 Pounds

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

- Abdomen scan; palpable organomegaly on PE; concern for splenic disease vs other
- Mild chronic ALP elevation
- Clinically well

**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 2.0 cm) appear normal with no evidence of wall thickening, mucosal irregularities, masses or cystic calculi.

The prostate is normal in size (0.82) 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 (7.32 cm). Overall echogenicity is normal with adequate corticomedullary distinction and a typical 1:3 cortex:medulla ratio. There is no evidence of perinephric inflammation or effusion. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (7.8 cm). Overall echogenicity is normal with adequate corticomedullary distinction and a typical 1:3 cortex:medulla ratio. There is no evidence of perinephric inflammation or effusion. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

**Adrenal Glands**

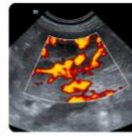
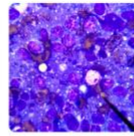
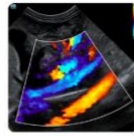
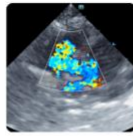
The left adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.51 cm at the cranial pole and 0.66 cm at the caudal pole. It is observed in its normal position cranial to the left renal artery. It is normal in appearance (uniformly hypoechoic) and shape with no evidence of a mass effect.

The right adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.65 cm at the cranial pole and 0.61 cm at the caudal pole. It is observed in its normal position between the cranial aspect of the right kidney and the caudal vena cava. It is normal in appearance (uniformly hypoechoic) and shape with no evidence of a mass effect.

**Spleen**

The spleen is normal in size (2.51 cm in width at the hilus) and slightly irregular in shape. Echotexture is homogenous. The blood flow through the hilus and splenic parenchyma appears normal. There is a small isoechoic bulge near the hilus, most consistent with accessory splenic tissue, measuring 0.98 cm x 1.9 cm.

**Liver**



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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. There is a moderate amount of non-organized echogenic debris. In some views, the debris is hyperechoic forming a "sludge ball". The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not visible.

***Gastrointestinal***

The stomach contains minimal luminal contents. It measures at a normal thickness of <0.7 cm 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. No masses or focal lesions were observed.

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. The duodenum measured as normal (0.55 cm in wall thickness) and the jejunum measured as normal (0.33 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 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***

There is no free fluid. There is no significant lymphadenopathy. A prominent jejunal lymph node is visualized, measuring 0.67 cm. the omentum is normal in echogenicity.

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

- Small isoechoic irregularity noted associated with the spleen- Findings are most consistent with an accessory spleen. Recommend continued monitoring with ultrasound.
- Moderate gallbladder debris- The significance of the aggregated gallbladder debris is unclear. This could represent an early mucocele, cholestasis, or may be secondary to fasting but seems unlikely to be causing a current issue. Recommend continued monitoring.

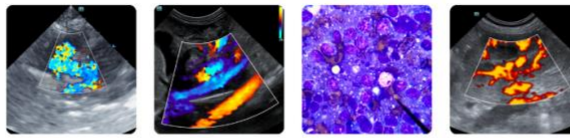
**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

The changes observed on today's exam are mild and of questionable significance. There is a small "bleb" on the spleen, most consistent with accessory splenic tissue. This is likely benign. Out of an abundance of caution, you could consider reevaluation looking for any significant change in this structure (recheck in 2-4 months?).

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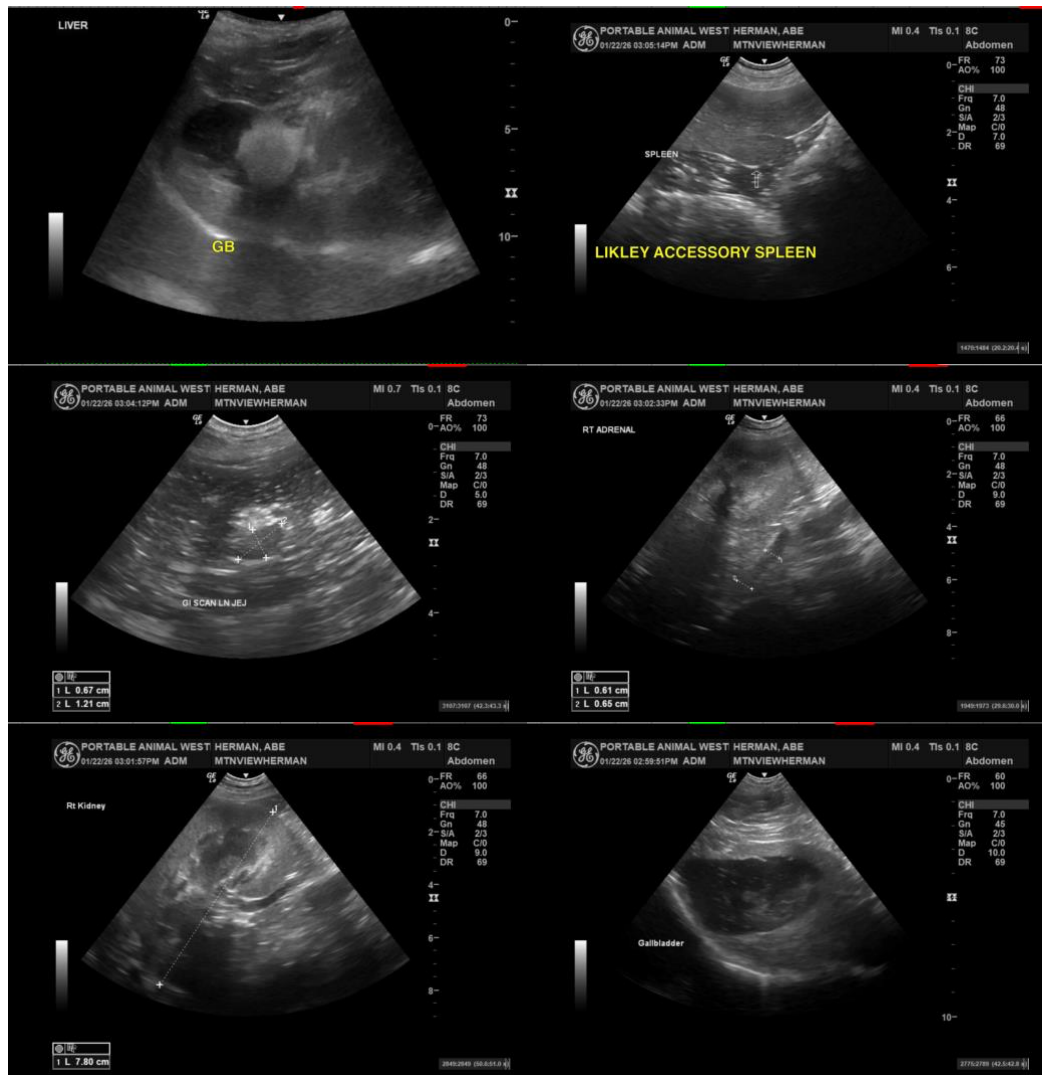
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No focal lesions are visualized associated with the liver to explain the elevation in ALP reported. A mild vacuolar hepatopathy could be possible. There is focal hyperechoic debris visualized in the gallbladder with no evidence of wall thickening at this time. Consider continued monitoring. Ursodiol therapy could be considered.



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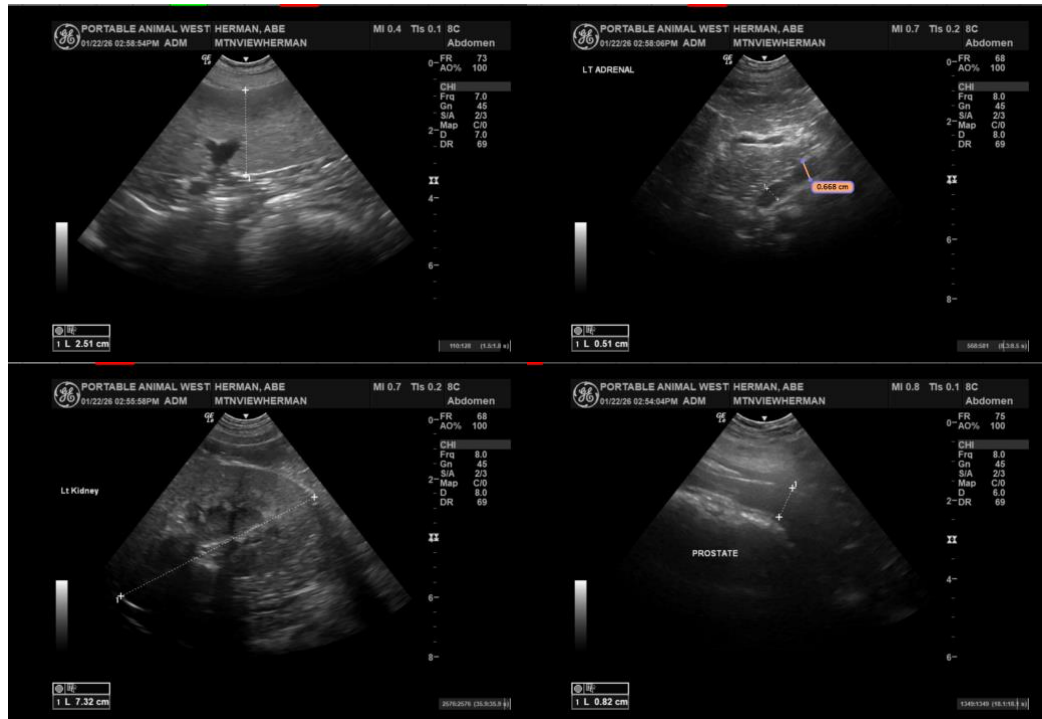
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**The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.**

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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