

**DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

12/13/22 HX of uncontrolled Pituitary- dependent Hyperadrenocorticism  
HX of allergies; E/D well, no complaints from O

**PATIENT**

Butler Good Current Medications: Apoquel 5.4mg- 1 po SID, ketoconazole 200mg- 1/2 po SID, Cytopoint 30mg  
Lab Results: See attached.

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.

Sedation: Not required to complete full diagnostic ultrasound.

Stat Report: Not requested.

**SPECIES**

Canine

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN****BREED**

Dachshund

**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.

**SEX**

Neutered Male

The prostate is normal in size (0.81 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.

**AGE**

10/21/11

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (5.54 cm) with small cortical cysts. 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.

**WEIGHT**

24.4 Pounds

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (5.79 cm) with numerous small cortical cysts. 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.

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**Adrenal Glands**

The left adrenal gland is large and slightly irregular, measuring 0.84 cm at the cranial pole, 0.94 cm at the caudal pole, and 2.94 cm in length. It is observed in its normal position cranial to the left renal artery. The parenchyma is somewhat heterogeneous, but the shape is not significantly disrupted, and no vascular invasion is visualized.

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The right adrenal gland is large in size measuring 0.82 cm at the cranial pole, 0.92 cm at the caudal pole, and 2.62 cm in length. 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.

**HOSPITAL NAME**

White Marsh AH

**REFERRING VET****Spleen**

Dr. Brennan

The spleen is subjectively normal in size, echotexture is homogenous, and the splenic capsule is smooth with no irregularities. The blood flow through the hilus and splenic parenchyma appears normal. A very small, hypoechoic lesion is visualized at the periphery of the spleen, measuring 0.26 cm.

**INVOICE**

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**Liver**

The liver is large in size, and normal in echogenicity with smooth peripheral margins. The parenchyma is heterogenous in echotexture with subtle, indistinct focal mottling. The visible portions of the vasculature and biliary tract appear normal. There are too numerous to count ill-defined, irregular, hypoechoic nodules throughout the parenchyma. These do not appear to disrupt the normal architecture of the liver.

The gallbladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall of the gall bladder is not thickened and has a smooth mucosal surface. Luminal contents are mild and primarily anechoic. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not visible.

### ***Gastrointestinal***

The stomach contains minimal luminal contents. It measures at a normal thickness of <0.7cm 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. 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. Duodenum wall measures 0.35 cm. Jejunum wall measures 0.30 cm. Visualized peristalsis appears appropriate. There were no focal lesions consistent with obstruction or a mass effect observed.

The ileocecal junction was visualized and exhibited normal intact wall layering and is subjectively of normal thickness. 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***

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. A normal mesenteric lymph node is visualized measuring 0.35 cm. The omentum is of normal uniform echogenicity.

## **ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

- Bilateral adrenomegaly with a slightly irregular/heterogeneous left adrenal gland – The bilateral adrenomegaly could be consistent with bilateral hyperplasia (e.g., secondary to pituitary-dependent hyperadrenocorticism), bilateral infiltrative neoplasia, inflammatory adrenal disease, other. Correlation with clinical findings is recommended.
- Small, hypoechoic nodule visualized in the spleen – There is a non-cavitated, hypoechoic splenic nodule visualized. Differentials include lymphoid hyperplasia, extramedullary hematopoiesis, infiltrative neoplasia, inflammation, other. Cytology or histopathology would be necessary to get a definitive diagnosis.
- Large, heterogeneous liver with numerous hypoechoic nodules – The diffuse hepatic changes are non-specific and could be consistent with vacuolar hepatopathy, nodular hyperplasia, inflammatory/immune-mediated disease, fibrosis, extramedullary hematopoiesis, toxic hepatopathy (e.g., copper), infiltrative neoplasia (less likely) or other hepatopathy. The nodules observed trend toward a more benign process but underlying neoplasia cannot be ruled out.

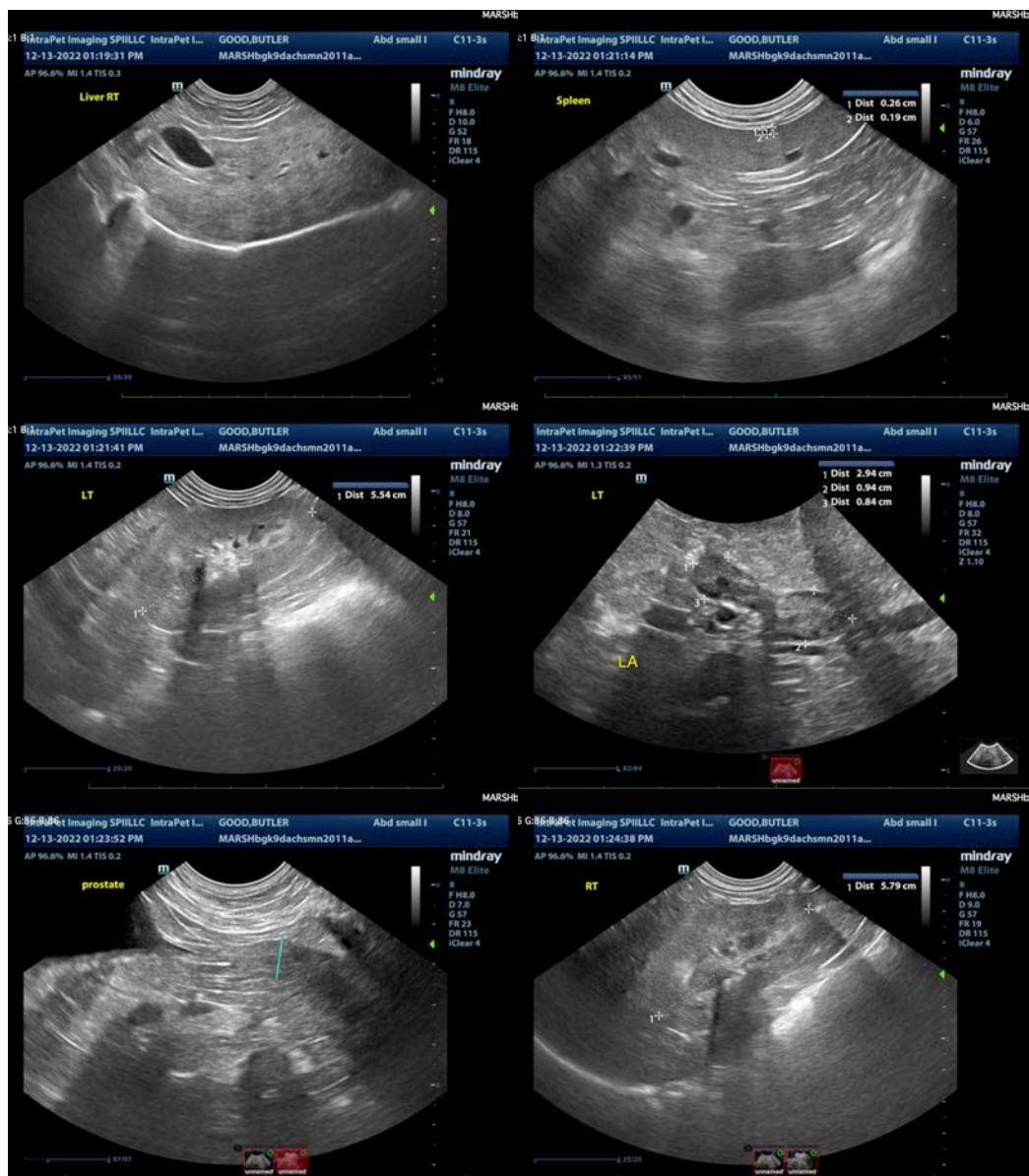
## **INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

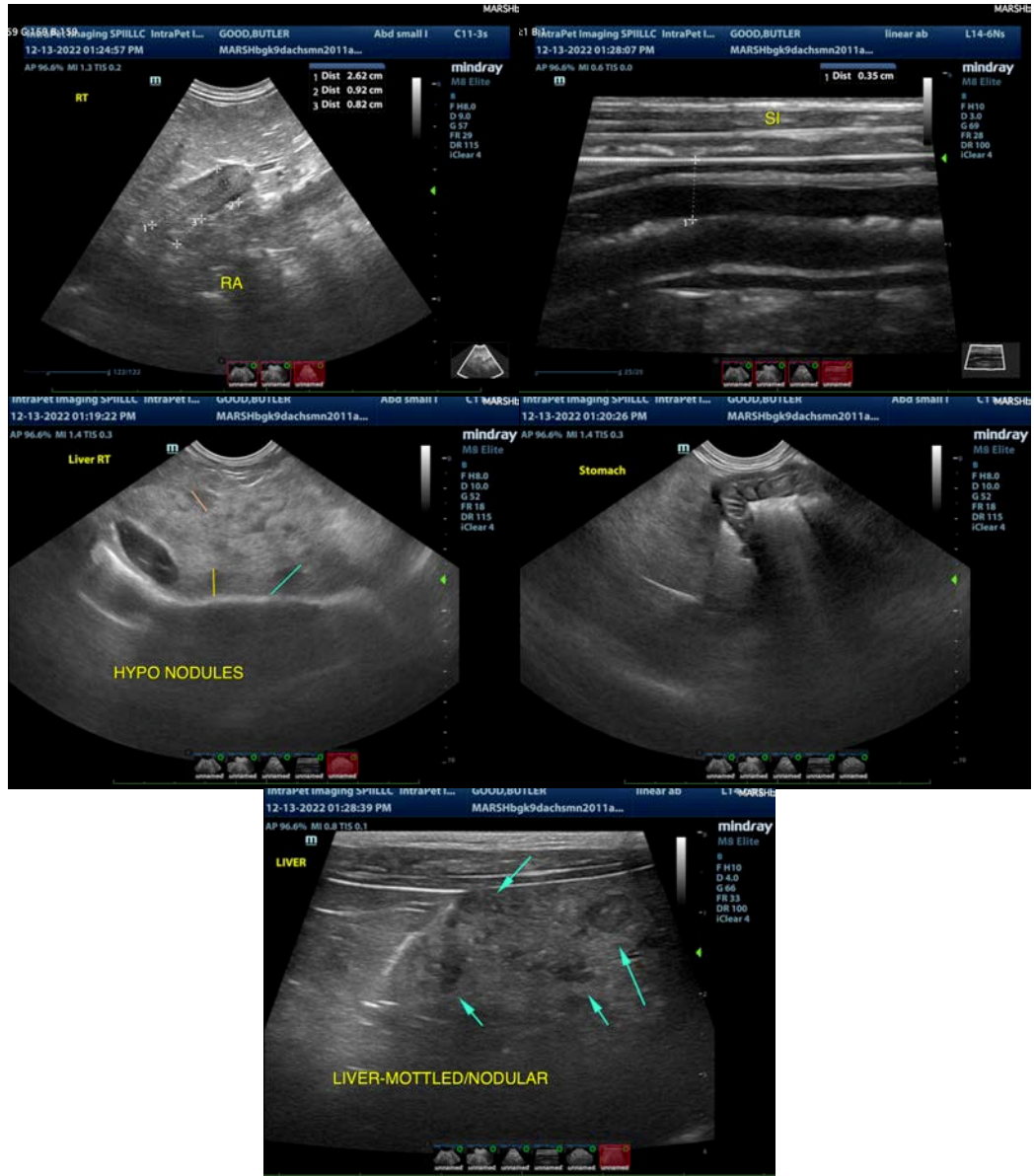
There is bilateral adrenomegaly present and a large, heterogeneous liver. If adrenal function testing and clinical signs are consistent with pituitary dependent hyperadrenocorticism, then you could consider treatment. The left adrenal is somewhat heterogeneous but not deformed in anyway. Consider continued monitoring of this adrenal.

There is a very small hypoechoic lesion in the spleen. Options moving forward would include a fine needle aspirate of this lesion (if possible), or continued monitoring with ultrasound.

The liver is large and severely heterogeneous with numerous ill-defined hypoechoic nodules. Typically, the appearance of these nodules trends towards a more benign lesion, although these are fairly dramatic. Options moving forward would be continued monitoring of lab work and ultrasound or a fine needle aspirate of the liver could be considered.

Recommend three view thoracic radiographs to evaluate for possible concurrent thoracic disease/involvement.





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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