



**PATIENT**

Gimli Rauch

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Pomeranian

**SEX**

Neutered Male

**AGE**

10 Years

**WEIGHT**

12.4 lbs

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

HAC- pit vs adrenal. ACTH stim test= HAC. Endogenous ACTH- low. Current meds: insulin, thyroid meds, eye drops.

**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 (0.74 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 (4.21 cm). Overall echogenicity is slightly hyperechoic with mildly reduced 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 (4.44 cm). Overall echogenicity is slightly hyperechoic with mildly reduced 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 borderline “plump” measuring 0.52 cm at the cranial pole and 0.62 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 “plump” measuring 0.90 cm at the cranial pole and 0.74 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 subjectively normal in size (1.04 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 large in size with rounded margins. The parenchyma is hyperechoic and homogenous in 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 significantly distended. Some areas of the wall appear mildly thickened with adherent debris. There is a large amount of primarily non-organized echogenic debris. There are mild polypoid projections visualized associated with the gallbladder wall. There is no evidence of bile duct dilation.



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***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 0.27 cm. Jejunum wall measures 0.24 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 prominent and mottled compared to the surrounding isoechoic 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.

**PRIMARY FINDINGS**

- Large, hyperechoic, rounded liver – Findings are most consistent with a vacuolar hepatopathy/diabetic hepatopathy. Other hepatopathies are possible.
- Large gallbladder debris with some polypoid-like lesions visualized associated with the gallbladder wall – The significance of the gall bladder polyps and debris is unclear. This could represent an early mucocele, cholestasis, or chronic inflammation, or could be an incidental finding.
- Borderline bilateral adrenomegaly – Findings could be consistent with anatomic variation or mild hyperplasia.

**SECONDARY FINDINGS**

- Age related changes visualized associated with both kidneys.
- Pancreatic changes most consistent with chronic pancreatic remodeling.

**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

If Cushing’s disease is strongly suspected based on clinical assessment, treatment could be considered. No adrenal mass lesions are observed but both adrenals appear somewhat “plump”.

Additionally, the liver is large, hyperechoic and rounded. These changes are most consistent with a vacuolar hepatopathy/diabetic hepatopathy. If there is concern for a more significant hepatopathy, you could consider a liver function test or a fine needle aspirate of the liver.



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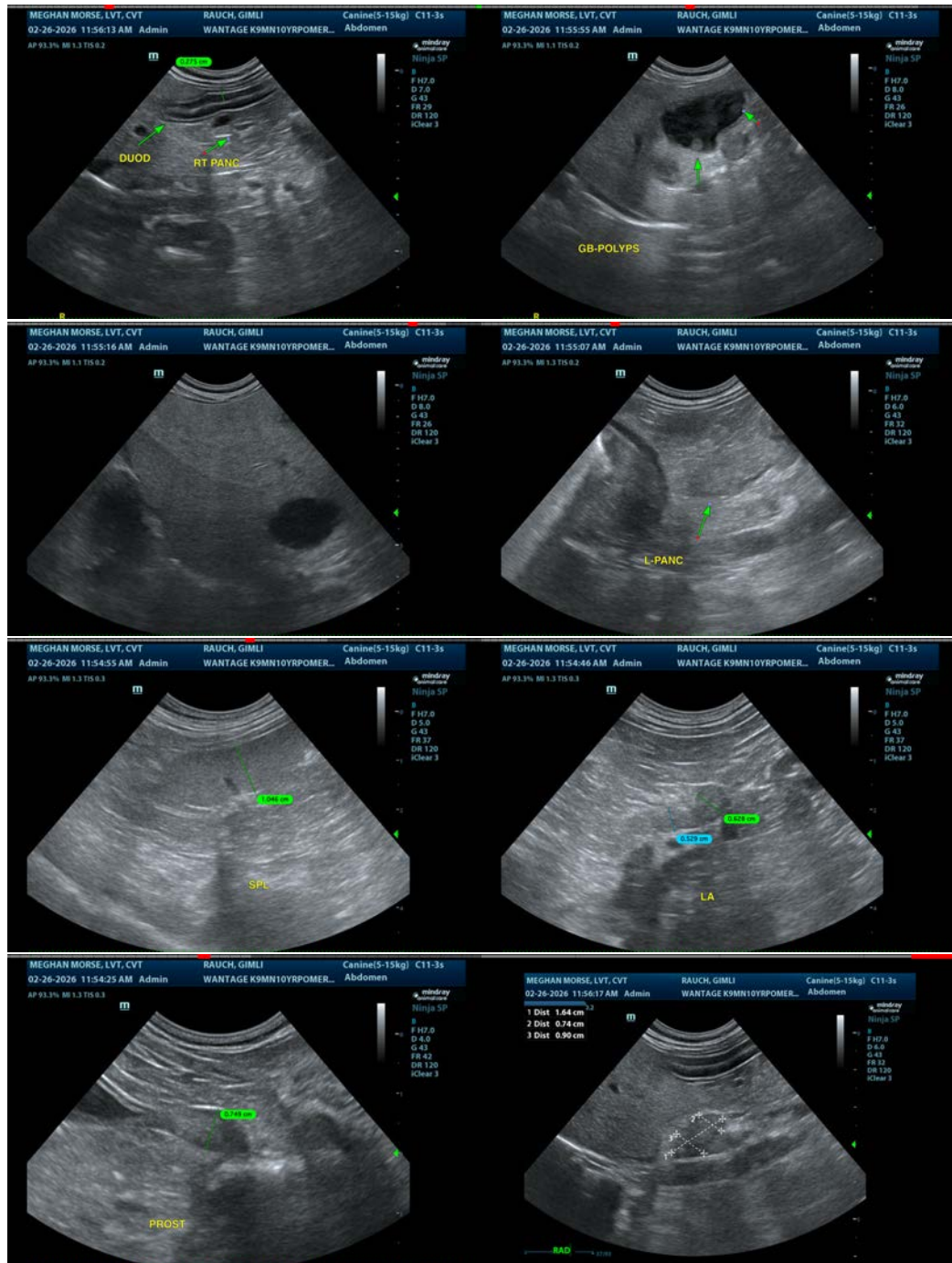
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The gallbladder has a moderate to large amount of debris and some small polypoid lesions visualized associated with the gallbladder wall. Recommend starting chronic Ursodiol and continued monitoring. Treatment for cholecystitis may be warranted.





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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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