

**PATIENT PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

Buddy Hames Pulse 130 Resp pant CRT <2 sec BP 122/126/120 ~concern for abnormal tissue thickening where bladder empties into urethra p. has age related kidney changes on brief u/s scan for cysto - not currently pu/pd generous body condition~

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Aus Shep

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: SDMA 23 noted on pre op lab work for cohat/dental- usg 1.030 w/ caox crystals~ LIVER values Normal! LABs attached.

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**

**SEX**

**Urinary System**

Neutered Male

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.

**AGE**

9y9m

The prostate is normal in size (0.73 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.

**WEIGHT**

39.4lbs

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (5.22 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.

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The right kidney has a normal shape and size (5.45 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.

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**Adrenal Glands**

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The left adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.58 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 0.68 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.

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**Spleen**

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. No focal parenchymal abnormalities are visualized.

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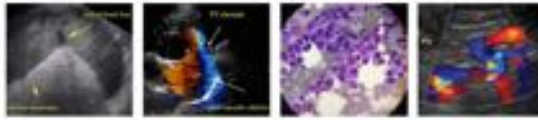
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**Liver**

The liver is normal in size, and slightly irregular in shape. The parenchyma is homogenous echotexture. The visible portions of the vasculature and biliary tract appear normal. There is a large iso to slightly



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hypoechoic mass effect in the left lobe of the liver measuring 3.92 cm x 4.62 cm. Additionally, there is a smaller left sided nodule visualized measuring 1.26 cm x 2.09 cm.

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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.

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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.

**SEX**

Neutered Male

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 (between 0.3-0.5cm in wall thickness) and the jejunum measured as normal (between 0.2-0.47cm.)

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Visualized peristalsis appears appropriate. The muscularis layer of the small intestine appears somewhat prominent measuring 0.50 cm. I suspect this is within normal limits, but continued monitoring is warranted.

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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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

- Iso/slightly hypoechoic left sided liver mass and smaller hypoechoic nodule.

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

The mass effect visualized has the appearance of a primary hepatic lesion, possibly a large regenerative nodule, hepatoma, early carcinoma, etc. Options moving forward would include fine needle aspirate of the larger hepatic mass lesion, and if surgical resection is desired, you could consider a contrast CT scan for surgical planning. Often these lesions are relatively slow growing, but this is a relatively young dog, so if monitoring is the option of choice recommend recheck in 2-3 months.

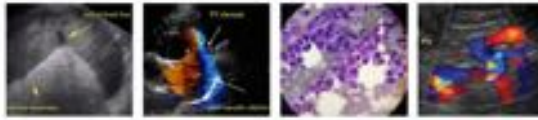
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Recommend three view thoracic radiographs to evaluate for possible concurrent thoracic disease/involvement.



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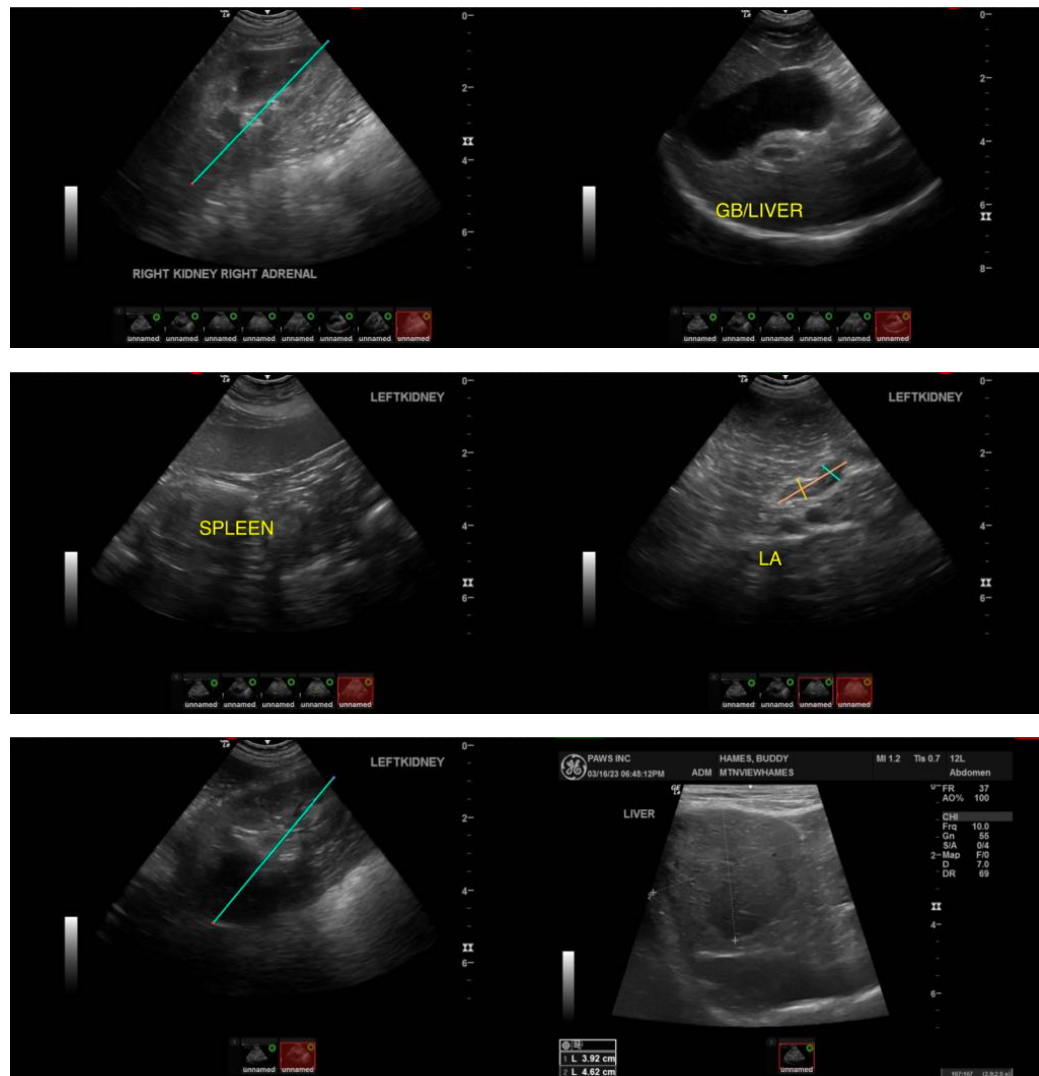
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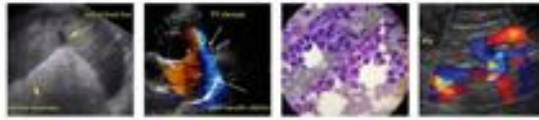
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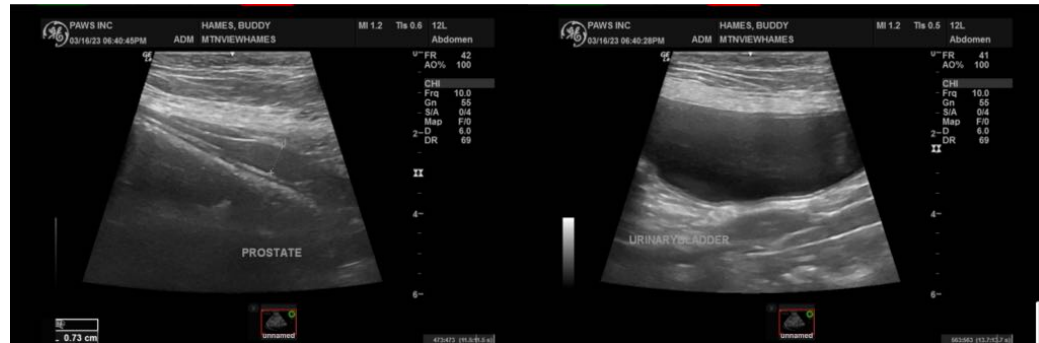
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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