


DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

3/26/26

Patient History: Marshmellow presented for routine yearly exam in August. At that time i ran a GHP which showed ALKP significantly elevated and Proteins all a mess. I re ran them to be sure they were real, sure enough they were. I rec Ultrasound at that time but owner declined. We even discussed Water quantitation to look for Cushing's signs etc. Owner never returned my calls. Marshmellow went to the Dermatologist, and the labs were a mess still. The dermatologist called and requested Ultrasound so here we are.

PATIENT
Marshmellow
Henschen
SPECIES

Canine

Current Medications: Apoquel daily for itchy skin

Labwork Results: Labwork not attached.

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.

Sedation: Not required to complete full diagnostic ultrasound.

Stat Report: Not requested.

BREED

American Eskimo

Imaging Performed by: Rachel Brilhart, RDMS.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN
SEX

Neutered Male

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.

AGE

2/4/19

The prostate is normal in size (0.89 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

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The left kidney has a normal shape and size (4.83 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.

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The right kidney has a normal shape and size (5.39 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.

HOSPITAL NAME
Timonium Animal
Hospital
Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.57 cm at the cranial pole and 0.69 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.

REFERRING VET

Dr. Gernhart

The right adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.61 cm at the cranial pole and 0.57 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 (1.79 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, and normal in echogenicity with rounded 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 numerous ill-defined hypoechoic nodules throughout the parenchyma. An example measures 1.77 cm on the left side.

The gall bladder lumen is significantly distended. The gallbladder wall is hyperechoic and prominent/mildly thickened, measuring 1.7 cm, with some adherent debris. There is a large amount of primarily non-organized echogenic debris. There is no evidence of bile duct dilation.

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 0.47 cm. Jejunum wall measures 0.32 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

Evaluation of the peritoneal cavity did not reveal any evidence of effusion. There is no significant lymphadenopathy present. Prominent mesenteric lymph nodes are visualized, an example measures 0.48 cm. The omentum is of normal echogenicity.

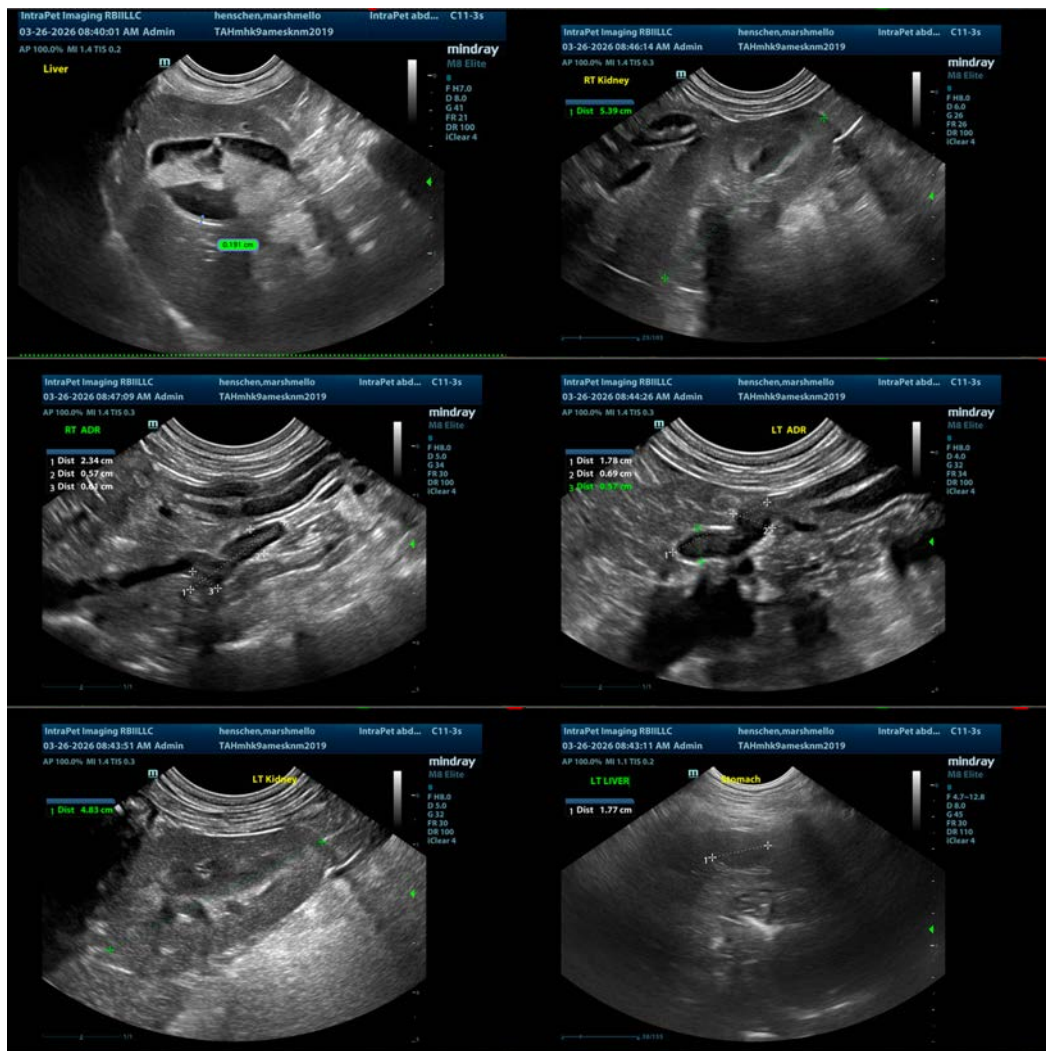
ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

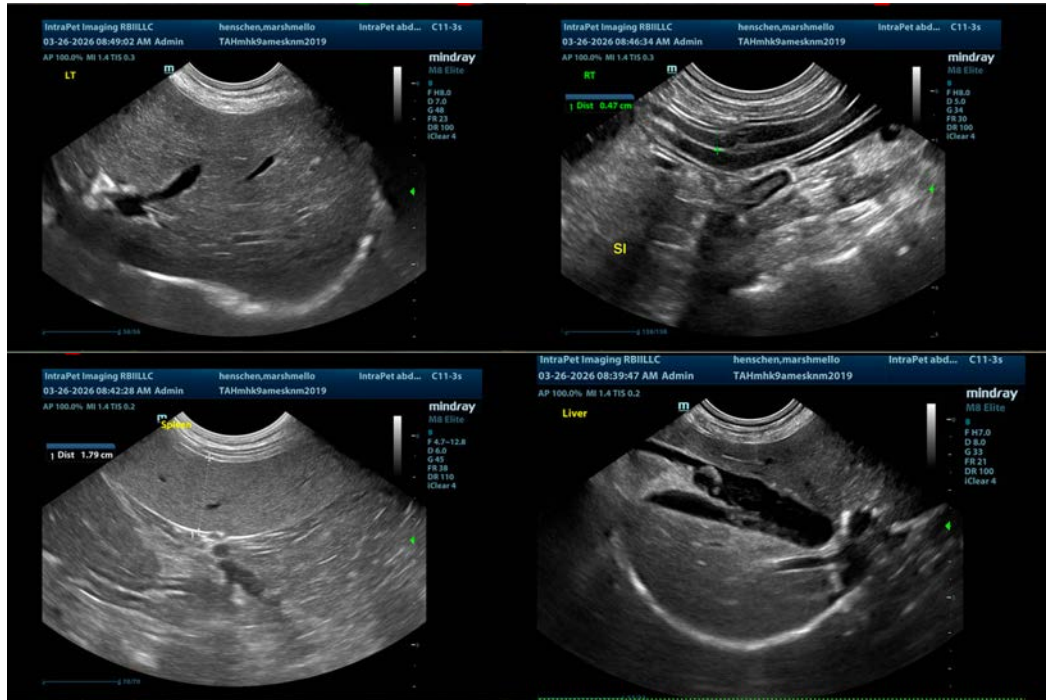
- Age related changes visualized associated with both kidneys.
- Large, rounded, heterogeneous liver with ill-defined hypoechoic nodules – The diffuse hepatic changes are non-specific and could be consistent with vacuolar hepatopathy, nodular hyperplasia, inflammatory/immune-mediated disease, fibrosis, 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.
- Large, non-organized debris visualized within the gallbladder with a prominent hyperechoic wall – Findings could be concerning for early cholecystitis.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

The liver is large, rounded and heterogeneous with ill-defined hypoechoic nodules. Generally these nodules have an appearance most consistent with regenerative nodules, but an underlying neoplastic process is possible. Correlate these findings with current lab results. Findings could be consistent with a vacuolar hepatopathy. If further evaluation is desired, consider pre- and post-prandial bile acids to assess liver function and a fine needle aspirate (provided coagulation parameters are normal).

The gallbladder has an excessive amount of non-organized debris. The gallbladder wall is hyperechoic and slightly prominent. Findings could be consistent with mild cholecystitis. Consider starting chronic Ursodiol therapy +/- a course of antibiotics and continued monitoring with ultrasound.





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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