

**DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

4/19/22 Weight loss but owner is watching calories. Intermittent lethargy. Period of excessive thirst but possibly side effect to antihistamine- seems less severe.

PATIENT

Miki Marzi

Current Medications: Cephalexin 250mg BID for broken toe nail. Vetprofen 75mg ½ SID if arthritic/uncomfortable.

Lab Results: Cushing's negative. Bloodwork unremarkable. Did have abnormal cpli (equal to the control) on 4/5/22.

SPECIES

Canine

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.

BREED

American Eskimo

Sedation: IV sedation: try 0.1 ml tel/ 0.1 ml torb/ 0.05 ml dexdomitor IV.

Stat Report: Not requested.

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

1/3/13

The prostate is normal in size (0.75 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

33.2 Pounds

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (5.5 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 hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

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The right kidney has a normal shape and size (5.09 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 hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

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Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.75 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.

HOSPITAL NAME

Honeygo AH

The right adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.75 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.

REFERRING VET

Dr. Wright

Spleen

The spleen is subjectively normal in size. The spleen echotexture is heterogenous and mottled, 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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Liver

The liver is subjectively normal in size, and 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 diffuse, ill-defined, hypoechoic nodules within the hepatic parenchyma as well as occasional hyperechoic nodules, one measuring 0.79 cm in diameter.

The gallbladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall of the gall bladder is not thickened and has a smooth mucosal surface. Luminal contents are 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 measured 0.45 cm. Jejunum wall measured 0.38 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 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. There are prominent mesenteric lymph nodes with a lymph node visualized measuring 0.95 cm x 2.94 cm, and two additional lymph nodes measuring 1.26 cm and 0.92 cm in diameter. The omentum is generally of normal echogenicity, but is slightly hyperechoic along the enlarged lymph nodes.

Other

A brief view of the heart was submitted. No significant pericardial effusion was seen.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

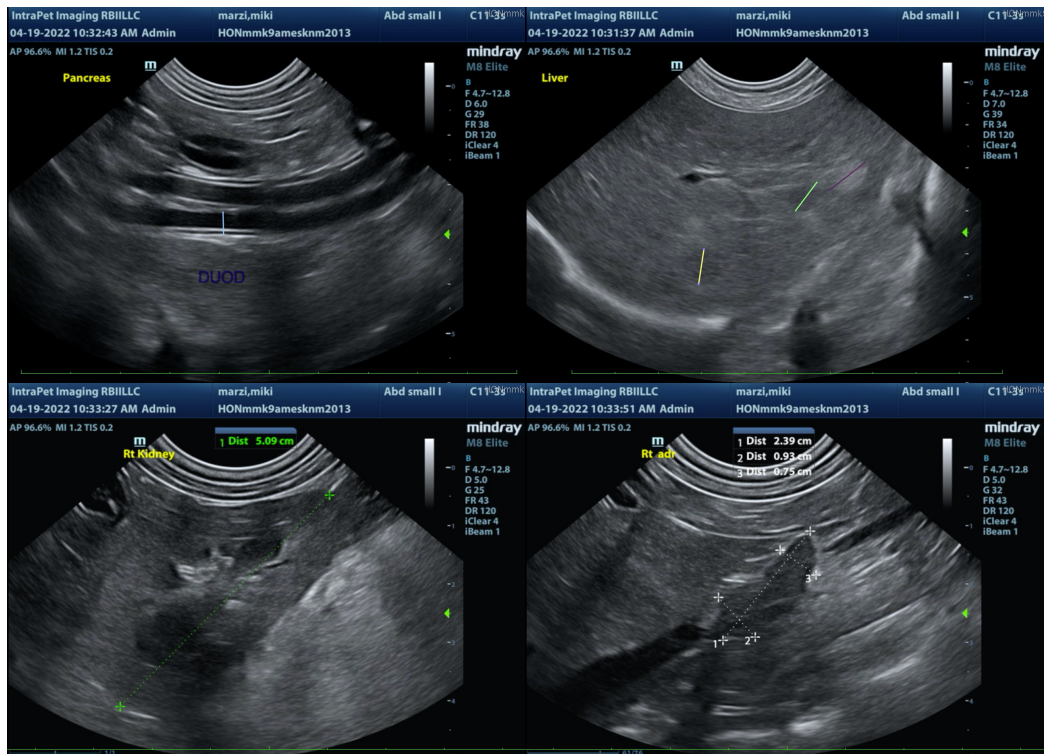
- Mildly mottled spleen – The diffuse splenic changes are non-specific and could be consistent with lymphoid hyperplasia, extramedullary hematopoiesis, infiltrative neoplasia, inflammation, other. Cytology or histopathology would be necessary to get a definitive diagnosis.
- Prominent, mottled pancreas – The pancreatic changes are most consistent with mild pancreatitis or a recent episode of pancreatic inflammation.
- Heterogeneous liver with hypo- and hyperechoic 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.
- Mild to moderate mesenteric lymphadenopathy – The prominent abdominal lymph nodes are most

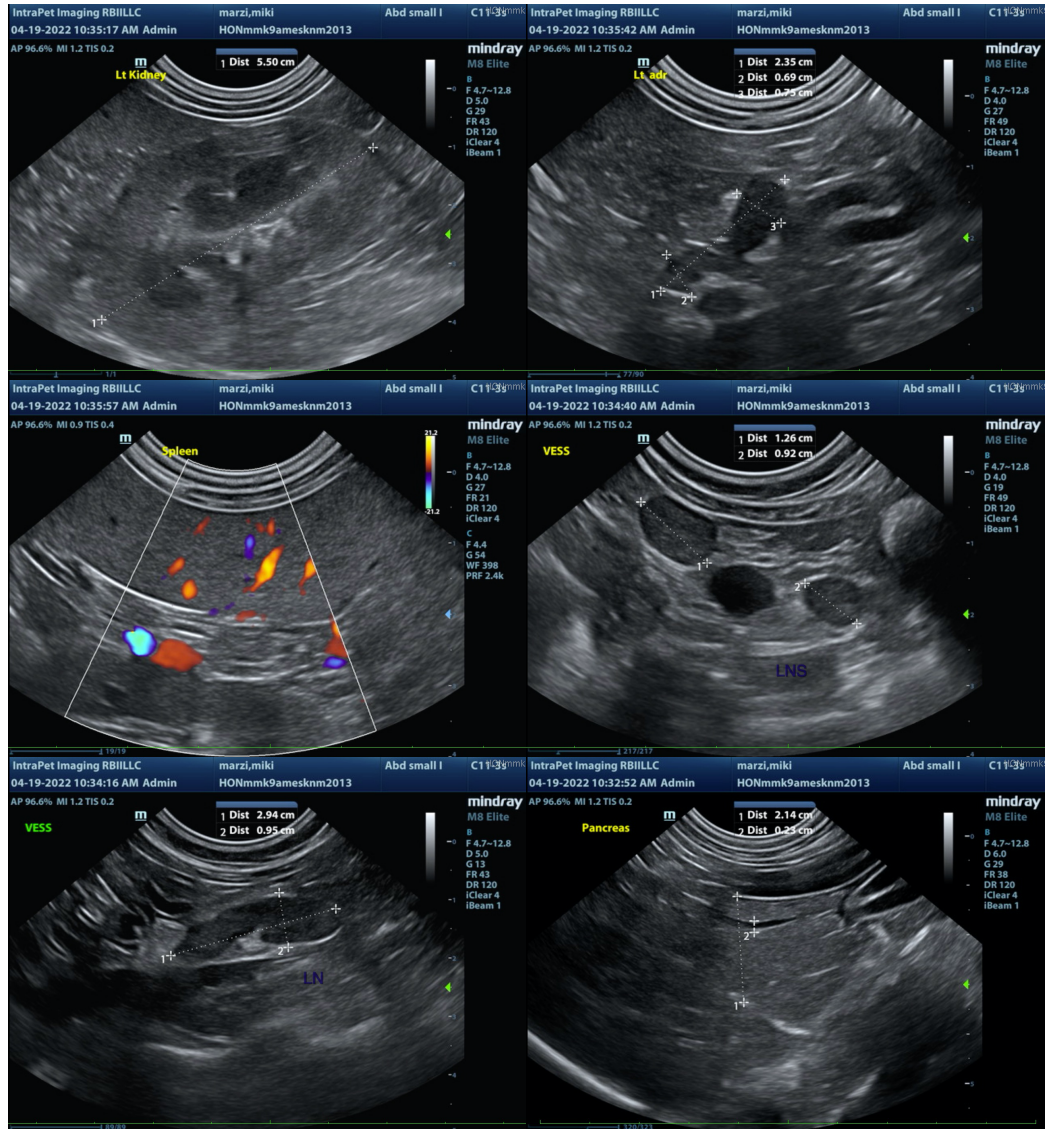
consistent with reactive lymphadenitis or lymphoid hyperplasia. Neoplastic infiltration is considered less likely.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Though no large focal mass effect is observed, there is a moderate lymphadenopathy visualized, but the lymph nodes are isoechoic and relatively normal in shape. You could consider a fine needle aspirate of a lymph node to rule out underlying neoplastic change affecting these nodes. Additionally, the spleen and liver both appear mottled. The spleen is very subtly mottled, and the liver is significantly heterogeneous with ill-defined, hypoechoic nodules. The significance of this is unclear in light of no elevation in liver enzymes reported. If no other causes can be identified, a fine needle aspirate of both of these locations could be considered. The pancreas is prominent and does not appear severely inflamed, but the changes observed could be consistent with either current mild pancreatitis or a previous episode of pancreatitis. Consider symptomatic treatment for pancreatitis and transition to a low-fat diet (if not already done).

Consider three view thoracic radiographs to rule out 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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