



## PATIENT

Hailey Sadler

## SPECIES

Canine

## BREED

Mini Schnauzer

## SEX

Spayed Female

## AGE

5 Years 9 Months

## WEIGHT

16.12 lbs

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## PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

Ultrasound to evaluate for potential hepatopathy  
Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Radiograph and records attached.

## 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 left kidney has a normal shape and size (4.21 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.

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (4.43 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.

### *Adrenal Glands*

The left adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.29 cm at the cranial pole and 0.41 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 region of the right adrenal (between right cranial kidney and vena cava) is unremarkable, but the entire adrenal is not distinctly visualized. No evidence of a mass effect is visualized. \*Possible caudal pole visualized measuring at 0.93 cm. (this would be large)

### *Spleen*

The spleen is subjectively normal in size (1.15 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 and rounded. 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 moderately distended. The wall of the gall bladder is not thickened and has a smooth mucosal surface. There is a moderate amount of non-organized echogenic debris. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal/not visible.



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## ***Gastrointestinal***

The stomach contains moderate shadowing ingesta. 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. Shadowing ingesta interferes with full evaluation of the stomach.

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 0.31 cm. Jejunum wall measures 0.26 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. An iliac lymph node is prominent at 0.49 cm. The omentum is of normal uniform echogenicity.

## **ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

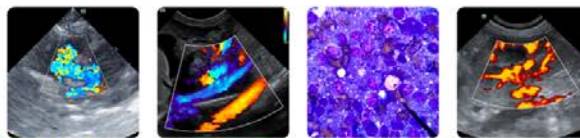
- Large, hyperechoic, rounded liver – The diffuse hepatic changes are non-specific and can be seen with vacuolar hepatopathy, reactive change, nodular hyperplasia or, less likely, inflammatory/immune-mediated disease, infiltrative neoplasia, or other hepatopathy.
- Moderate gallbladder debris – The significance of the aggregated gallbladder debris is unclear. This could represent an early mucocele, cholestasis, or may be secondary to fasting but seems unlikely to be causing a current issue. Recommend continued monitoring.
- Questionable right adrenal enlargement

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

The liver is large, hyperechoic and rounded. This has an appearance most consistent with a vacuolar hepatopathy (primary or hormone related), although other hepatopathies are possible. If further evaluation is desired, you could consider a fine needle aspirate (provided coagulation parameters are normal) and a liver function test.

The left adrenal gland appears normal. The right is difficult to clearly visualize, possibly with a prominent caudal pole. Recommend continued monitoring. If classic symptoms of Cushing's are present, you could consider adrenal function testing and continued monitoring of the right adrenal.

There is a moderate amount of debris visualized in the gallbladder, but no evidence of significant cholecystitis at this time.



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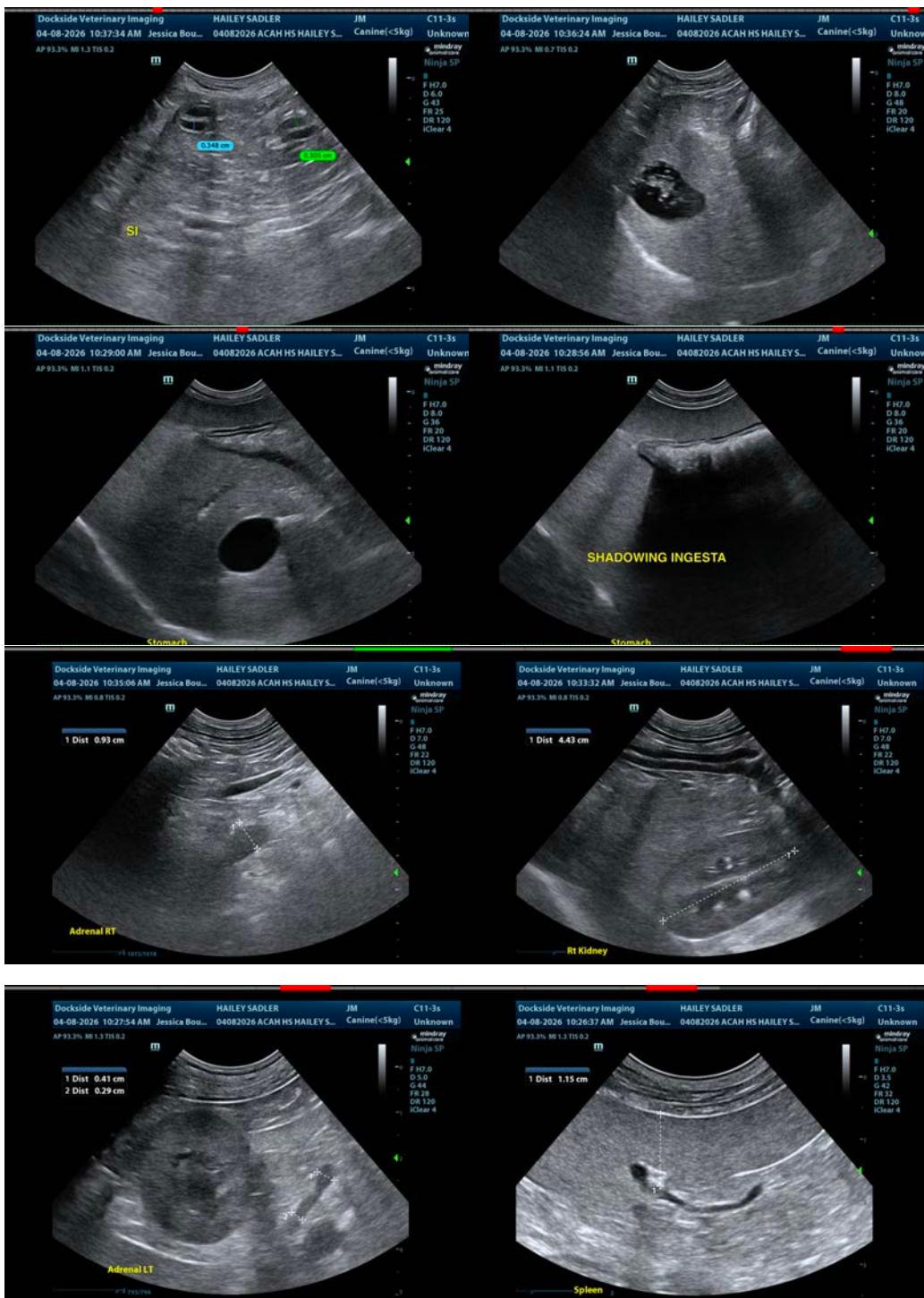
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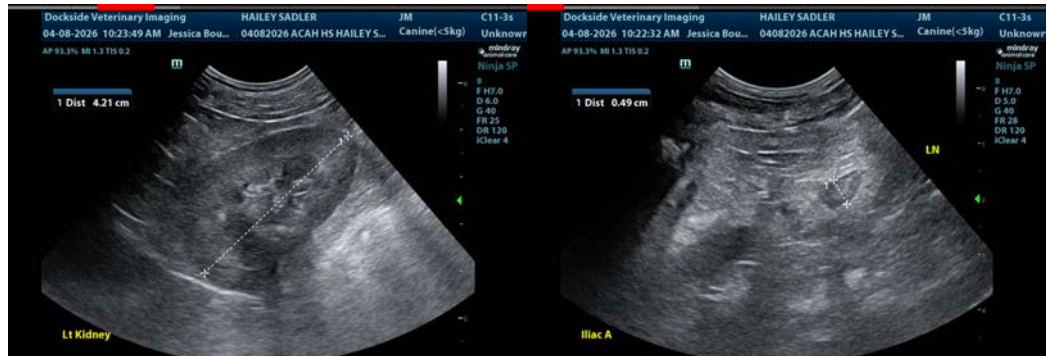
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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