



**PATIENT**

Half-Pint Thomsen

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Chihuahua

**SEX**

Intact Male

**AGE**

8 Years

**WEIGHT**

1.6 kg

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**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

PE all WNL, no concerns. Bloodwork to assess for GA and Neuter surgery noted elevated liver enzymes. Has been on Revolution.

Abnormal PE/Chem/CBC/UA Results: Please see attached lab results.

**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 large and hyperechoic, measuring 1.65 cm.

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (3.22 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.

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (3.84 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 0.43 cm at the cranial pole and 0.36 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 0.95 cm at the cranial pole and 0.36 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 (0.73 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 subjectively normal in size, and echogenicity with smooth peripheral margins. The parenchyma is homogenous 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. Luminal contents are mild and likely incidental at this time. 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 likely represents a non-fasted patient and interferes with full evaluation of the stomach and areas of the cranial abdomen. Ingested foreign material cannot be definitively ruled out. No evidence of an obstruction is visualized.

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 0.25 cm. Jejunum wall measures 0.20 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, 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.

**Other**

Both testicles were visualized and appear within normal limits.

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS**

- Large, hyperechoic prostate – Findings are most consistent with benign prostatic hypertrophy, likely normal for an intact male dog.
- Moderate shadowing ingesta visualized within the gastric lumen – Correlate with the feeding history. If the patient was adequately fasted this could represent delayed gastric emptying or a partial outflow tract obstruction (none observed).

**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

No significant lesions are visualized associated with the liver or gallbladder to explain the elevation in ALT reported. Unfortunately, this does not rule out a liver shunt or primary hepatopathy, with differentials such as infectious, inflammatory, or congenital disease still possible. Gastric lumen contents shadowing interferes with visualization of the region of the porta hepatis.

If Leptospirosis is a clinical concern, consider testing. If a portosystemic shunt is a significant concern, recommend a contrast CT scan to further evaluate. You could also consider empirical therapy for acute liver injury with a course of Ursodiol, Denamarin, and antibiotics to see if liver function values remain elevated. Ultimately, advanced imaging and a liver biopsy would likely be recommended.



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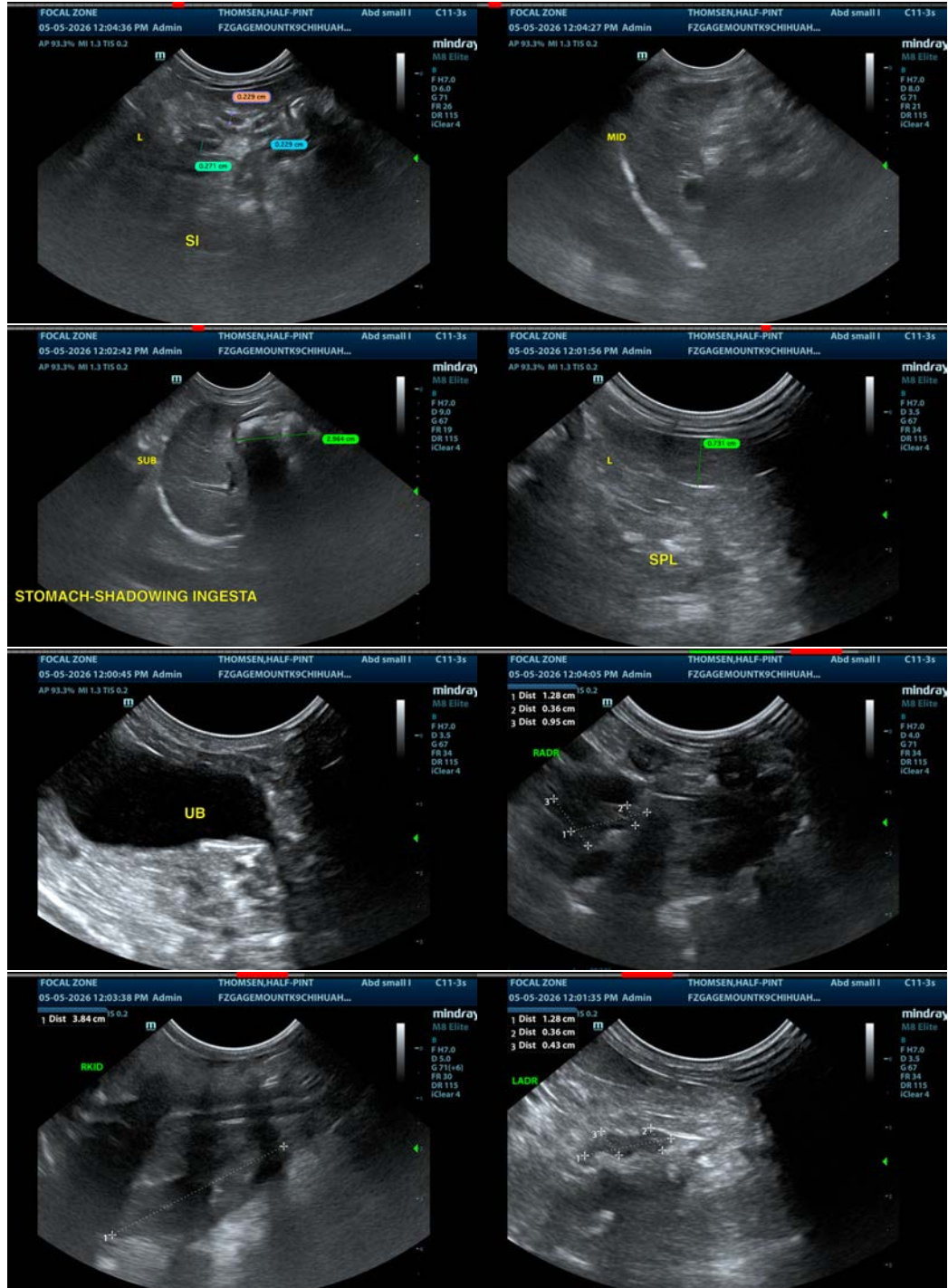
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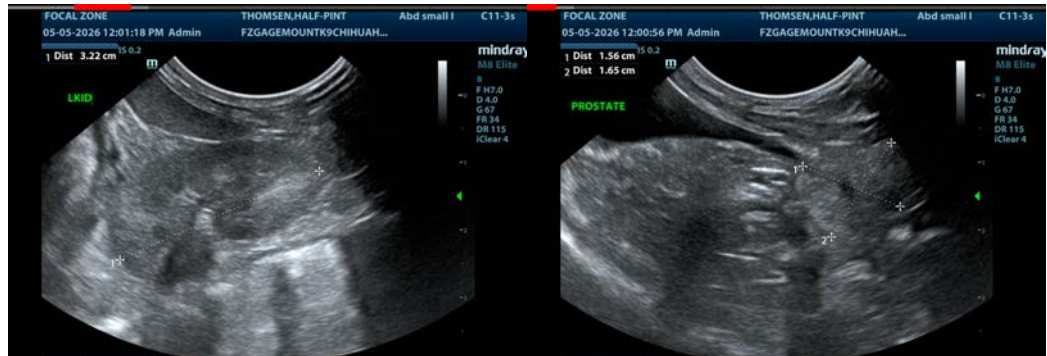
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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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