



DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS

5/5/26

Patient History: Sadie was presented on 4/24/26 for annual exam. She had moderate periodontal disease noted and an anesthetized dental procedure was recommend. Pre-op lab. work revealed an ALP of 599IU/L, up from 267IU/L on 9/29/25.

PATIENT

Sadie Deskin

Current Medications: Nexgard Plus PO monthly

Labwork Results: Labwork not attached, reported as: 4/29/26- ALP 599 IU/L, pPSL 275 U/L, Platelets 438 K/uL. 9/2/25- ALP 267 IU/L, Platelets 453 K/uL. Bile Acids today.

SPECIES

Canine

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.

Sedation: Not required to complete full diagnostic ultrasound.

Stat Report: Not requested.

BREED

Imaging Performed by: Rachel Brillhart, RDMS.

Miniature Pinscher

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN

SEX

Spayed Female

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

10/31/14

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (3.28 cm) with occasional pinpoint cortical mineralizations. 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, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

WEIGHT

10 lbs

The right kidney has a normal shape and size (3.14 cm) with occasional pinpoint cortical mineralizations. 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, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

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Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.71 cm at the cranial pole and 0.55 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

Bel Air Veterinary
Hospital

The right adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.50 cm at the cranial pole and 0.46 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. Young

Spleen

The spleen is subjectively normal in size (1.39 cm in width at the level of the hilus), 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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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. There is a moderate amount of suspended and dependent hyperechoic, slightly shadowing debris possibly consistent with some mineralized debris. 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 measures 0.42 cm. Jejunum wall measures 0.33 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 mildly mottled. 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.

PRIMARY FINDINGS

- Moderate hyperechoic suspended and dependent echogenic debris in the gallbladder – 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.

SECONDARY FINDINGS

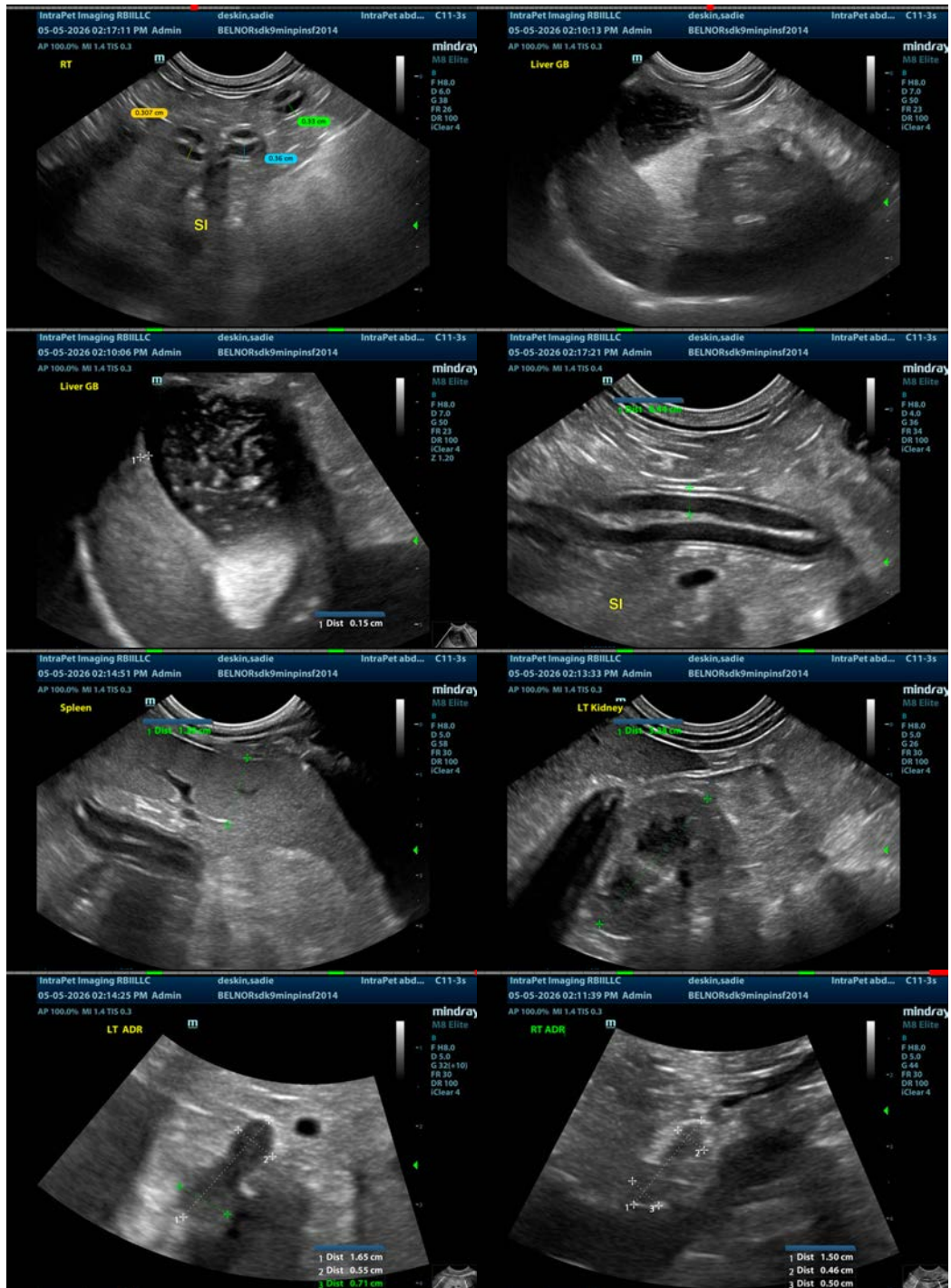
- Age related changes and mild mineralization associated with both kidneys.
- Mild pancreatic changes consistent with chronic pancreatic remodeling.

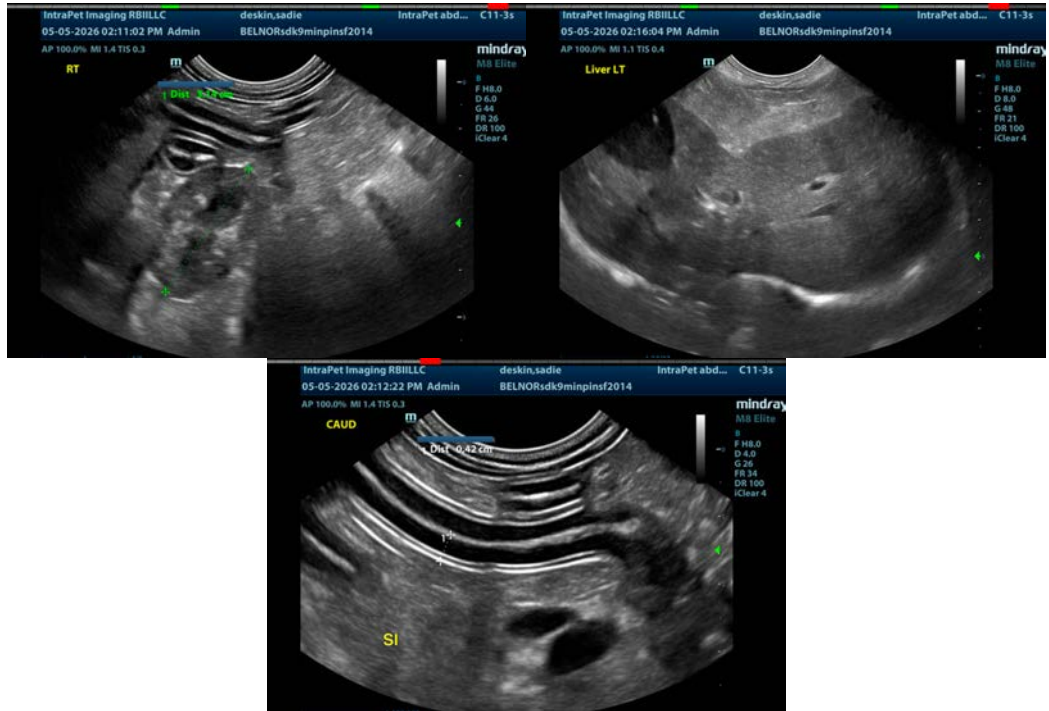
INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

No focal lesions are visualized associated with the liver to explain the elevation in ALP reported. The gallbladder has a moderate amount of suspended and dependent hyperechoic debris with no evidence of wall thickening or surrounding inflammation. Recommend chronic Ursodiol therapy and continued monitoring of the gallbladder for progression of these changes.

A primary hepatopathy is suspected, possibly a vacuolar hepatopathy(?), but a fine needle aspirate of the liver would be necessary to further evaluate. Additionally consider pre- and post-prandial bile acids to assess liver function (I believe this is currently pending).

No significant adrenal enlargement is noted at this time. If signs of Cushing's are present, you could consider adrenal function testing. Otherwise, recommend continued monitoring for progressive adrenal enlargement.





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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