

**DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

9/1/21 History: Protein loss in urine.

**PATIENT**Teddy Andrews  
Employee Pet

Current Medications: Dasuquin 1 chew daily  
 Lab Results: Elevated Creatinine and BUN but not as high as when initially diagnosed, slightly higher than previous labs. Elevated AST likely related to hemolysis. Elevated ALP and GGT chronic ALP elevation, possible HAC vs GB disease Elevated Amylase and Lipase could be due to decreased renal clearance vs pancreatic disease. UA: Isosthenuria, Proteinuria, UPC- 6 PLN Likely.

**SPECIES**

Canine

Radiographs: Not provided by the veterinarian.  
 Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous IntraPet scans.  
 Sedation: not needed

**BREED**

Stat Report: not requested

Shetland Sheepdog

**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, or masses. There a small amount of dependent, shadowing, sandy debris observed.

**AGE**

1/1/12

The prostate is normal in size (1.1 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**

45 Pounds

The left kidney has a normal shape and size (6.02 cm). Overall echogenicity is slightly hyperechoic with poor corticomedullary distinction and a typical 1:3 cortex:medulla ratio. There is no evidence of perinephric inflammation or effusion. Mild pyelectasia noted at 0.5 cm and a small cortical cyst measuring 0.25 cm. There is no evidence of nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

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The right kidney has a normal shape and size (5.35 cm). Overall echogenicity is slightly hyperechoic with poor corticomedullary distinction and a typical 1:3 cortex:medulla ratio. There is no evidence of perinephric inflammation or effusion. Mild pyelectasia noted at 0.34 cm. There is no evidence of nephroliths, infarcts or hydroureter. Renal vasculature is normal.

**HOSPITAL NAME**

Taylorsville VC

**Adrenal Glands**

The left adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.8 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. Bray

The right adrenal gland is normal in size measuring 0.8 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, 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, with normal echogenicity and 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 numerous ill-defined, hyperechoic nodules visualized, measuring 1.1, 0.9, 0.99 cm.

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 large amount of non-organized echogenic 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 measured 0.48 cm. Jejunum wall measured 0.28 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, 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**

- Decreased corticomedullary distinction in both kidneys with mild pyelectasia – Mild loss of corticomedullary distinction in both kidneys could be consistent with chronic degenerative disease or interstitial nephrosis. Pyelectasia of the left/right kidney could be consistent with pyelonephritis, chronic renal disease, secondary to PU/PD or fluid therapy (if applicable), other.
- Large, heterogeneous liver with ill-defined, 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.
- Moderate/large amount of gallbladder sludge – The significance of the aggregated gallbladder sludge is unclear. This could represent an early mucocele, cholestasis, or may be secondary to fasting.

## **SECONDARY FINDINGS**

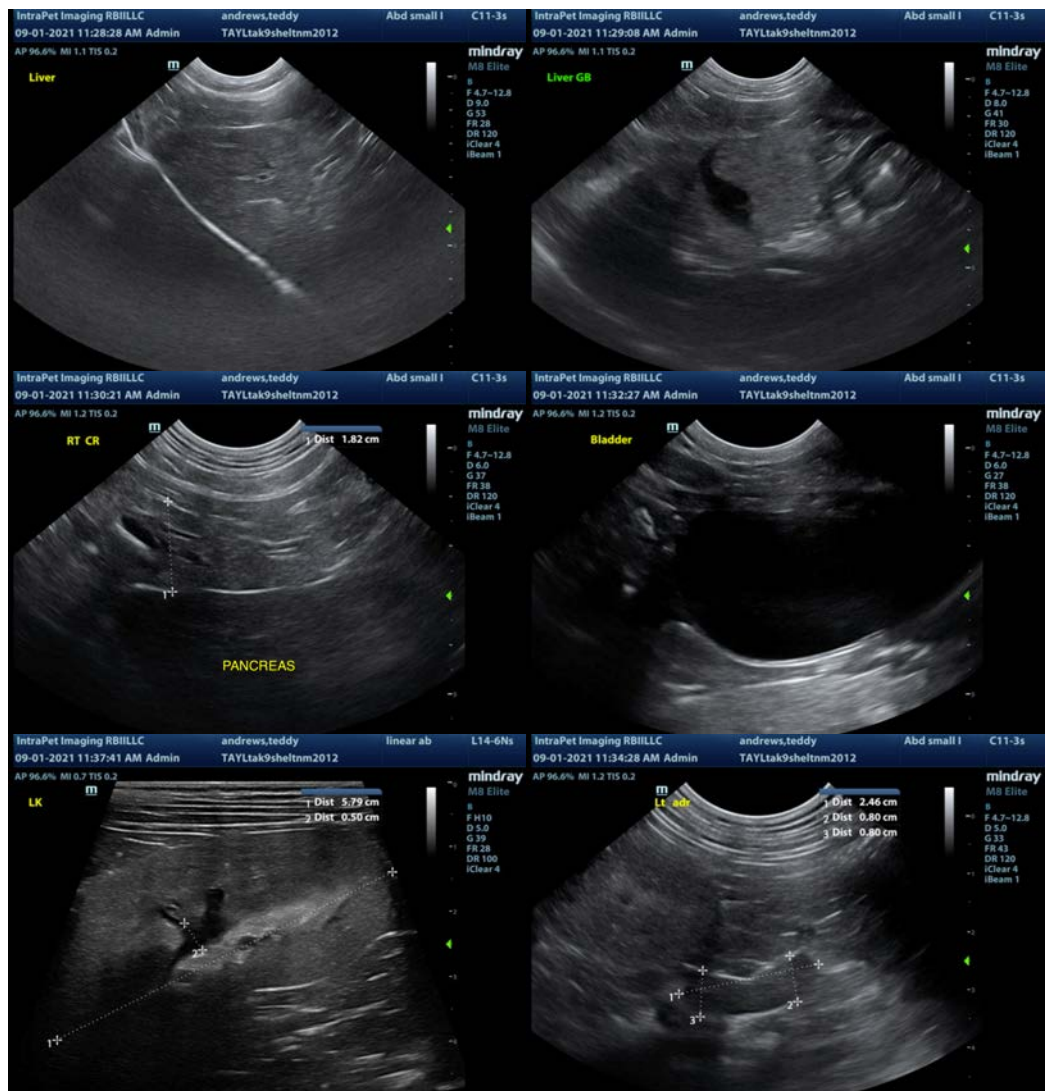
- Mottled, prominent pancreas – The pancreatic changes are most consistent with age-related parenchymal remodeling, potentially secondary to a prior inflammatory episode, early fibrosis or chronic pancreatitis.

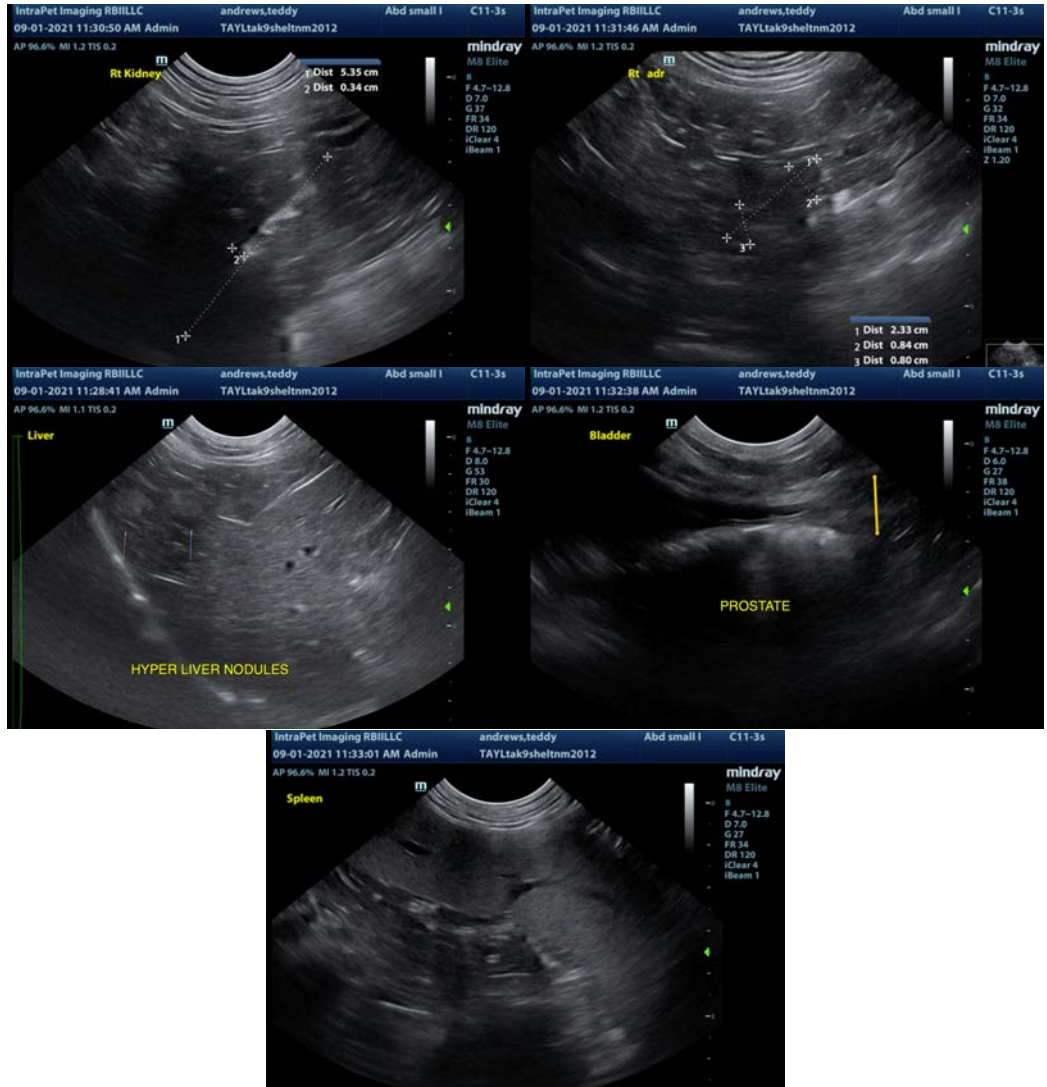
- Dependent sandy debris in the urinary bladder – recommend urinalysis and culture.

### INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Most of the changes observed on today's scan are consistent with chronic progressive kidney disease and suspected vacuolar hepatopathy. A fine needle aspirate and liver function test would be necessary to rule out more significant disease. Concurrent Cushing's disease is possible. If symptoms are consistent, consider adrenal function testing. Consider starting Ursodiol and monitoring the gallbladder for development of a clinical mucocele.

I don't see any focal lesions/mass effects. Recommend blood pressure evaluation, testing for vector borne disease (in particular Lyme disease), chest radiographs, urinalysis and culture, and treatment for proteinuria if other confounding issues are well controlled.





The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. 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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